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Whate'er is best administered is best."—*Pope.*

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Mr. Asquith.
With every friendly and sympathetic sentiment towards Mr. Asquith, we regretfully place on record our conviction that he has had his day.

Mr. Bonar Law.
What a remarkable mentality this man has! His reply to the ex-Premier, in the Irish debate—made without a note of any kind—was a feat unique in Parliamentary history.

American Assassins.
There was a dramatic passage in the speech of Sir Edward Carson, when, with great fervour, he declared the Irish outrages to be "the work of ill-conditioned men sent over from America"—thanks to anti-British propaganda, which the Government has done little to counteract.

A New Adjective.
In "New Germany," by Professor George Young, just published by Constable, we read that the Peace Treaty "has Bolshevised Eastern Europe, Balkanised Central Europe, and Bottomleyised Western Europe." Poor Europe!

The Ex-Kaiser.
Answering a question by us, the Prime Minister expressed the opinion that an impeachment of the Kaiser would be "a futile proceeding." Pressed for his reason for this view, he replied "Because it would"! Clever chap, the Prime Minister.

Brave, Addison!
We never did believe that Dr. Addison—most human of ministers—was responsible for vetoing that bit of rice which the Southwark Guardians gave their workhouse inmates—to fill up the gap between a 4.30 tea and the morning meal. Who *was* the idiot responsible?

Stockport.
We asked Captain Guest, the Government Whip, his forecast of the result. "We have won both seats," he replied. Then we asked Mr. Adamson, the Labour Leader. "Our two men are in," came the answer. The Intelligence Departments of the Official Parties are very wonderful.

Pampering the Alien.
So Herr Ludwig Becker, Professor of Astronomy at Glasgow University, who was granted leave of absence in March, 1916, has been receiving his salary ever since; and Siegmund Reichenheim, charged with making false Income Tax returns, has been let off on the ground of age and ill-health! Hoch! Hoch! Hoch!

Trade Union Clerks.
Isn't it time Trade Unions, who are agitating for £6 a week as a living wage for their men, should look over the pay sheets of their clerical staffs?

Hoop-la!
What does this mean, from an advertisement in the Government publication, *Surplus*:—"Hoops, Girls' wooden, 29 ins.; about 43,000—suitable for toy trade"?

The Coal Shortage.
How do Lord Furness and his yacht party, now joy-riding round the world, get their coal? asks an inquisitive reader. We must have notice of that question.

How America Won.
Have you heard the story of how an American officer, seeing a shell coming straight for Haig and Foch, "drew his bow knife, and reaching up, struck the shell and diverted its course"? Captain Bush is said to be his name. Bosh!

DON'T MISS THIS OFFER!
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MUST BE WON.
NO GOALS REQUIRED.
FREE COUPON on Page iii. of Cover.

Russian Prisoners in Germany.
We are told that Russian prisoners of war, taken by Germany when they were fighting for us, are still under lock and key. We must insist upon their release.

A Transpontine Comic.
Emphasising the fact that nobody takes us seriously, the *Buffalo Express* devotes two columns of its space to our articles on America. Brother Buffalo, is evidently a comic journal.

The Right Strike.
Here is the kind of strike we like:—
Strike till your last armed foe expires,
Strike for the green graves of your sires;
Strike for your Altar and its fires—
God and your native land!
We commend those words to the miners.

The Explanation.
Thus an American reader, apropos of our criticisms of his country's attitude towards the war. "London may be England; Paris may be France; Rome may be Italy—but I'm damned if Washington is America"! Our friend shall be saved.

Our Leading Article.
We hope you like the new "make-up" of our leader page. Let us know if you don't.

Sunday Newspapers.
And please don't forget that the *National News* is your Sunday paper in future—with the *Telegram* for the evening—*if* you can get it. But the *N.N.* is everywhere.

The Editor's Bust.
There is now no reason why we shouldn't be in the home of every one of our readers. See announcement on page 15.

Foch and the Hun.
"Arrogance has delivered the Hun into my hands; with patience and humility I will wring his neck." That's the stuff to give 'em!

The Golden Ballot.
Our hearty congrats. to the organisers on their great success. We hope they will not be distressed over the belated and stupid intervention of the authorities.

A Sly Compliment.
"I would like to dedicate my new novel—to be published next month by Grant Richards—to you," writes Laurence Cowen. The title of the novel, we notice, is "Sinners"!

Who Knows?
How is this—from one of our readers?
A *Daily Mail* reader at Tring
Thus visualises the thing:
"Ere long, you will find
Lloyd George has resigned,
And Northcliffe has *sent for the King!*"

Beer Strength.
Is it right that, whereas in Britain brewers are limited to a 40 per cent. gravity, in Ireland is allowed a 51 strength—with the result that Irish stout is knocking the English brew out of the market?

De Valera.
Isn't it about time the British Government made a strong protest against the activities of this man in the United States? Would Mr. Wilson tolerate a monarchist campaign over here against the American Republic?

Our Visit to the Lines.
A Lieut. Brown, M.C., just demobbed, and who states that his colonel said "in three years you will be either in Parliament or gaol," has been ridiculing our alleged visit to the fighting lines. "How did the photographers get there?" he asks. They didn't. We wish they *could* have photographed some of the things we saw.

Leaseholds.

Will the Lord Chancellor kindly amend his Law of Property Bill by providing for the interests of leaseholders who, at present, on the expiration of their tenancies, forfeit all they have built upon the property? Thanks!

Edinburgh and "Kultur."

We agree with Sir James Crichton Browne that the proposal to establish a Chair of German Language and Literature in Edinburgh University "is an affront to the feelings we owe to our glorious dead." In the interests of trade it may be advisable for commercial men to be acquainted with what the Huns are pleased to call their "language"; but to give it the dignity of a Chair at one of our chief Universities is to elevate it to a position absurdly out of proportion to its importance. By the way, who is the anonymous donor of the necessary funds?

Cut-Throat Competition.

The grave manner in which the exclusion of business premises from the scope of the Rent Restriction Acts may operate to the detriment of the small tradesman, is illustrated by the experience of a Manchester reader, a working tailor. This poor fellow has had his little shop bought over his head by a big multiple tailoring firm, who have promptly served him with notice to quit. As the law stands, he has no protection whatever against what is really a deliberate plot to kill his struggling business. Such a wrong clamours for its remedy.

No "Law" for Traitors.

So indignant were the local I.L.P-ers at the rough treatment extended to Mr. Ramsay Macdonald when he recently attempted to address a meeting at Porthcawl, that they issued summonses against a number of people, charging them with "disorderly behaviour" within the meaning of the Public Meetings Act, 1908. The Magistrates, however, declined to convict—the inference being that if a political speaker chooses to insult the patriotism of his audience by traducing his native land, he must put up with the consequences. And quite right, too.

Ex-Soldiers' Rates.

A woman at Southend, with a big family at home and a husband in the Army, was told during the war that she "need not bother" about the local rates. So she didn't. The husband, however, now demobilised, is faced by a demand for the immediate liquidation of the whole accumulated arrears. In "forgiving" the woman's rates, the Overseers seem effectually to have concealed their intention of "taking it out" of the husband on his return. As we write, the ex-soldier's fate is still undetermined. The Magistrates' hesitation is not easy to understand.

Bright Sparks.

There must be bright sparks on the Board of the Notting Hill Electric Company, who have raised their lighting charges over and over again—most recently within the last few months. The ordinary shares, after providing for the preference, have received 450 per cent.; then 500 per cent. for each of four years; 300 per cent. for two years; nothing for a bad year, 1918; and now, despite dear coal and high wages, 800 per cent. Over nine years the average is 430 per cent. per annum. Some people would call this one thing and some another. We call it deplorable impiety.

Specially Selected.

Why do Boards of Guardians in their soap tenders usually confine supplies to five specified manufacturers? For instance, in a tender and contract before us issued by the Croydon Guardians, the firms stipulated are Knight's, or Wheen's, or Field's, or Cook's, or Price's. With such a tied list the small or local manufacturer is cut out of any chance at all.

A Disgrace to Scotland.

Requiring a School Medical Officer, the Fife Education Authority ignored the claims of three British medical men who did splendid service with the Army, and flouted patriotic public opinion by appointing Dr. R. Arno Krause to the post. Krause may be a clever doctor. At any rate, he was clever enough to evade service with the Army of the country of his adoption. But to place him in charge of the health of the school-children of Fife is a cynical insult to the mothers who bore them.

A Packed Bench.

Magistrates are not always as particular as they should be to retire from cases which, on account of their local connections, it is undesirable for them to try. In a recent instance, on the trial of a clergyman for a serious offence, one of the Magistrates adjudicating was a warden of the church to which the defendant was attached, another an ex-warden of the same place of worship, and a third member of the Bench an extremely prominent local Churchman, with whom doubtless the accused was well acquainted. This sort of thing amounts to a public scandal.

Cinemas, Slush and Slobber.

We have nearly a skinful of sympathy with the people who protest that it is time for somebody to arise and produce real comedy pictures for the film, and plenty of 'em. In the litany of Josh Billing, "From folks that won't laff, good Lord deliver us." There isn't enough laugh in the Cinema; and there are whole buckets full too much of slosh and slobber, of love and lunacy and liver. A very large majority of us get enough sorrow and tears in real life, without having the same squirted at us for 9d. and upwards through the pictures.

Starving the Seamen.

We have always looked upon the Unemployment Dole as a very regrettable necessity; but we protest against making bad worse by introducing an element of unfairness into its distribution. Unemployed soldiers and sailors receive 29s. weekly, but the merchant seaman is paid only £1 per week—at any rate in Edinburgh, where one now finds himself out of a berth in consequence of his ship having been sold to the French, and is allowed to draw only this paltry amount. After all, the merchant mariner ran as much risk during the war as his brothers in the Services.

'Bacco.

To say the just word about tobacco retailers, they are not to be stoned for high prices, as "they are absolutely at the mercy of the manufacturers, who fix both the selling and buying prices." The profit on high-class goods is considerable, but this profit has to pay for a loss or small balance on lower grades. Loose tobaccos go dry, lose weight, and in addition have to turn scale in ½ ounce or 1 ounce lots; which means that the scales have to turn against the seller from 16 to 32 times on every pound sold. In a nutshell, "the retailer is bou nd hand and foot to the manufacturers."

Temptation.

"Deliver us not into temptation," saith the Lord's Prayer; yet £120 a year—and no bonus—is the salary offered by advertisement to the successful applicant for the job of collecting rates for the Skelton and Brotton Urban District Council—population 16,000 and assessable value £137,776.

Fire!

A few days ago a mansion in the neighbourhood of Carnarvon was burnt to the ground. The alarm was given early enough, but the interminable time it took to fetch and harness up the horses—heavy animals normally occupied in drawing the dust carts along the streets—and their funereal pace to the fire, enabled the Brigade to arrive in time for their efforts to be utterly useless. Carnarvon Town Council had better wake up!

The Kaffir's Girl.

In a Benoni (Transvaal) mine the other day "a Nationalist held up a photograph of a bonny English girl, taken with a black swine, passing the remark, 'Now then, you loyal son of England, what do you think of this?'" The British wife who writes thus protests against white girls entering the country in the company of Kaffirs. "It is scandalous," she says. "If I could only make you understand what we Englishwomen feel about it!" Short of a prohibitive law, we don't see how it can be prevented, but it does undoubtedly lower the prestige of the Empire.

Where the "Stars" Score.

Twenty-seven Birmingham members of the Smiths' and Strikers' Society were locked out during the four months moulders' dispute. The rules of the Society say that they are entitled to lock-out pay, but the Executive apparently is above their own laws, and up to date the men have received only ordinary unemployment pay and a charity grant amounting to less than £1 a man. The members say they were entitled to £6 each. In Trade Unions, as in other spheres of human activity, it is the "stars" who have first call on the box office.

Pensioned Penury.

Fancy asking a veteran applying for an Old Age Pension, "Have you any recollection of the house in which you were born?" A North London reader tells us that an aged friend of his, having answered every question to the Pension Officer's satisfaction, and furnished the names of two guarantors of his personal respectability, was recently awarded the princely sum of one shilling weekly. Apparently it is only the full pensioners who are entitled to participate in the recent advance. If the former pension was *less than* 7s. 6d. weekly, it, unfortunately, stands where it did.

English Meat 5d. a lb.!

One can understand farmers losing control of their tempers when control of meat is mentioned, if they share the experience of Mr. J. Hollingsworth, of Rubery, Birmingham, who, having put a cow up to be auctioned at "dead weight," received from the auctioneers a statement apportioning it as 522 lbs. of meat at 5d. a lb. and the same weight of offal at 1½d. The latter totals £3 5s. 3d.—which we are told is rather less than the skin is worth to-day. Mr. Hollingsworth blames the Control for the state of affairs; and if, as he says, it enables a *clique* of dealers to operate the markets, the sooner meat is decontrolled the better.

B. E. A. Emigrants, Beware!

Many ex-soldiers who went out to British East Africa under the Land Settlement Scheme, with, perhaps, £500 capital, have found that sum reduced in value to about £150, owing to the exchange, and are looking for any sort of work to tide them over until conditions improve. Most emphatically, B. E. Africa is the last place at present to which a married man should take his wife and children.

Early Closing Anomalies.

There are certain shops for which closing at 7 p.m. would spell ruin. Take the case of a man who has a small fruiterer's close to a theatre or other place of amusement. His business during the day may be next to nothing, but from 6 to 8 p.m. he begins to get brisk and does the only trade that keeps him going. Why should he be compelled to shut at 7, while tobacconists' and lollipop shops remain open for the convenience of the public?

Addled Law.

We were informed the other day by an erudite legal correspondent that an unrepealed statute of the first Queen Mary's reign justified a marriage with a deceased husband's brother. An official of the Registrar-General's Department writes to explain that the statute of Mary was "personal to that Queen!," and has therefore no present-day application. So for widows who want to marry their dead husbands' brothers the moral seems to be "Nothing doing"—at any rate, for the present.

"The Farmer's Price."

Under this heading, we recently commented upon an advertisement in a local paper purporting to have been inserted by a Mr. Featherstone, of Hinderwell, who, it was stated, required a woman as housekeeper and for such duties as making butter, cheese, etc.—offering in return £15 a year. We are relieved to hear that no such ridiculous wage was offered by Mr. Featherstone. His name had been taken in vain by some "practical joker"—in the circumstances, a very sorry jest.

"Relieving" Officers of Their Rights.

At Southend, after much anxious debate, a special Committee appointed by the Rochford Board of Guardians has come to the conclusion that relieving officers deserve an increase of salary. The Ministry of Health suggested something round about £60 each, but the Rochford wiseacres think £25 is enough; that makes Southend's relieving officers—who come under the Rochford authority—passing rich with £200 a year to sustain their dignities and families on. Still, perhaps they should think themselves lucky—the workhouse cook has just had a rise of a halfpenny a week!

"My So-Called Husband."

From what an English girl in Ontario, Canada, tells us, although she was a war bride her marriage wasn't made in heaven. Her "so-called husband," a Canadian, has been fined for assaulting her. "He is very cruel to me," she says pitifully, "and I can be thankful he has now deserted me. I have to work in a factory, and in this country it's all work. I wonder if there will ever be divorce reform. It is rough for young girls to have a lonely life through these hard, tough and brutal so-called men." She asks us where she can obtain help to return to her parents in this country. So far as we know, there is no fund for the purpose. All she can do is to slave, and save, and hope.

Retired.

Mr. T. Merchant, of Rough Greys, Honiton, Devon, has been a country postman for 30 years. During that period he has travelled between 10 and 12 miles every day except Sundays. The most he has ever had in wages is 30s. a week. Now, at 67, with a wife and three children under 12 dependent on him, the Postmaster-General—as a special recognition of his long service—has awarded him the Order of the Boot, with £1 a week for nine weeks. And still there are people who say the Government has no sense of economy.

A Disgraceful Offer.

Here's a chance! A caretaker is wanted for the New Road Boys' Council School, Peterborough, and "special consideration" is to be given to the applications of discharged Service men. *The wages will be £1 a week.* We use italics to emphasise the fact that the Peterborough City Council are offering ex-soldiers a wretched pittance, worth on a pre-war basis less than 10s. weekly. If the City Councillors are not ashamed of this disgraceful advertisement, it can only be because their consciences have "gone West" for good

Rents by Rack.

Another of the shark landlords in the City is represented by the London Commercial Sales Rooms, Ltd. An instance of its rapacity is before us. The tenant of a small office, about 12 by 18 feet, has paid a rent of £40 per annum since 1882, plus housekeeper's charges. The Company recently gave him notice to quit, but intimated that the tenancy could be continued on new terms—£145 annual rental, plus double housekeeper's cleaning charges. All the tenants in the building have been treated in the same way. An ultimatum of this kind, "Pay up or get out," is a method of rent-collecting little removed from blackmail.

The Uses of a Wooden Leg.

In a recent issue of the *Bath and Wilts Chronicle* appeared the following advertisement:—

> WANTED, GARDENER, used to Grapes and Beetroot. Ex-Cavalry man with wooden leg for potato planting preferred. Must be early riser, and not afraid to do dirty work. Can make himself useful in bar (not behind) when wet. Pay by results.—Apply Manager, Chairmen's Rest (side entrance), near Hale's Garage, rear of Circus.

If this was meant for a joke, it is a poor and impertinent one. If it was intended seriously, the man who drafted it requires a little more respect for ex-soldiers' wooden legs to be knocked into his wooden head.

"Camborne's Chosen."

We recently referred in somewhat critical spirit to the appointment by the local Council of Mr. F. J. Harvey as the Coal Overseer for Camborne, a job advertised with preference to ex-Service men. Mr. Harvey informs us that he volunteered on the 5th of August, 1914. His discharge paper credits him with 3 years and 99 days' service with the Colours, when he was invalided out with pneumonia—his character excellent. His pension was 10 per cent. In 1914, he says, his savings were enough to keep him; but the state of things is quite different now. He challenges our informant to find a more deserving record than his own, and, if said informant can find it, he will hand over his job next day. We are delighted to give Mr. Harvey this chance of complete justification.

A Sad Break Up.

We have reason to believe that the old-established Benevolent Home at 53, Abbey Road, St. John's Wood, N.W., is to be closed in June, and eighteen or more old ladies, some of them between 70 and 80 years of age, are to be turned out to shift for themselves. The public are entitled to a clear statement from the President of the Committee of Management as to the reasons for closing the Home after 60 years' useful service. If it is due to any mismanagement, the facts should be disclosed.

Clearing-Out.

Hard cases are inevitable in the clearing-up and clearing-out in Government offices. Well-paid buffers and favoured limpets remain secure in their jobs through all the clearance, chucking-out and freezing-out of poor devils with wives to keep. "Single fellows and absolute shirkers have friends in the departments, while the family man goes out penniless." That is as it is told to us. Under-Secretaries of State ought to ensure that the sacking and the keeping are as humane and fair as circumstances will permit.

Smethwick's Shame.

The Smethwick Education Committee themselves need educating in the elementary principles of patriotism, else they would not persist in their appointment as teacher in one of the elementary schools of the borough of a "Conchy," in the person of J. Dearne, of Warley. The idea of children, at the most impressionable time of their lives, being under the influence of a man who miserably failed in his patriotic duty is abhorrent, and the parents concerned should utter a vigorous protest against what is no less than an insult to themselves.

Puzzles for Applicants.

When the L.C.C. wish to engage a School Attendance Officer they hold an examination. We have the Arithmetic paper before us; it includes such mathematical puzzles as the following: "A passenger train travelling at the rate of fifty-two miles per hour overtakes a goods train, 120 yards long, travelling at the rate of twenty-five miles per hour and completely passes it in 15 seconds. Find its length." Of what earthly use is the ability to solve such problems to a man whose duties consist of persuading, advising, or threatening parents who are neglectful in sending their children to school?

Linseed and the "Ring."

Linseed is one of the most important ingredients used in the manufacture of margarine. In 1919 as much as £85 per ton profit was made by the importers. During 1913 the average profit was from £6 to £9 per ton. The Food Controller stepped in last year and stopped the profiteering—when the season was over and shipments from South America had ceased. But the new season's shipments are now beginning to arrive, and there is every indication that the Linseed "Ring" will again succeed in making its enormous and illegitimate profits out of what has become a vital necessity to the poor. The Government should lose no time in interfering to stop the little game.

A Reminder.

For this week only, the first prize in our "Bullets" Competition has been increased to £500, whilst over 4,000 other valuable prizes must be won.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Right Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P.

Dear Prime Minister,—Since you discovered the "very discreditable fact" that 690 children of men who served in the war were housed in the workhouses throughout this smiling realm, an effort has been made to remedy the scandal. But I am not sure that you have hit upon the right plan. It is intended, I gather, to hand over these youngsters in a body to the care of Dr. Barnardo's institution—a good enough scheme in its way, no doubt, yet open to certain objections. My impression was that an appeal had been made to the public with the object of getting these children adopted into suitable families, and that the response had been most encouraging. It seems a pity that this arrangement should have fallen through.

John Bull.

To Messrs. E. E. Phillips, C. H. Long, and F. W. Spear, Bath Magistrates.

Gentlemen,—I see that when Mr. C. E. Isaacs, a Bath outfitter, was charged with deliberately deceiving the Profiteering Tribunal by the production of a false invoice, he escaped with a fine of £25. This you considered was "letting the defendant off very easily," and I quite agree. But I entirely fail to see why such leniency should have been shown to a man who, not content with robbing the public, had endeavoured by gross deceit to cover up his offence, even at the risk of implicating innocent persons. It is this sort of "justice" that brings the law into contempt. The offence in question is one for which a maximum penalty of £50 *and* three months' imprisonment is provided. You knew your duty and neglected it.

John Bull.

To Councillor E. S. Reynolds, Mayor of Bridport.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Please note that I am not applying for one of your Borough's cottages—for, if the worst came to the worst, I would prefer to doss on the Embankment. From what I can gather, your unhappy tenants will be so swathed and bound with red-tape regulations that if they manage to survive it all, it will be only by the special mercy of Providence. At first, I see, the unfortunate cottagers were forbidden even to keep a tame rabbit or a pet bee; and although, upon the intervention of the Council, this rule has to some extent been modified, there is quite enough left to look nasty. To the old saying that "an Englishman's home is his castle," we must add, for the future, "unless it is a Corporation cottage."

John Bull.

To Chester Jones, Esq., Metropolitan Police Magistrate, Marylebone.

Dear Mr. Chester Jones,—I perceive you also have noticed things. "It takes a rich man to get drunk now," you announced in Court the other day; and it's true enough. I have heard it said that whisky makes one frisky, but, at 8d. per nip per 30 under, I imagine the frisky side of things doesn't easily materialise unless you have a lot of time on your hands and heaps of money in your pockets. As far as my experience goes, you wouldn't get much forrarder on whisky even if you tried it in your bath. Scotch must now be one of the greatest temperance drinks in the market, not even excluding beer, and my opinion is that it should be so labelled. From what we can't afford, from what we can't get, and from what is largely water, there is no need even for Pussyfoot to deliver us. We shall die neither by drink nor by drowning.

John Bull.

To J. T. Dales, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Dunstable.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Your suggestion that lectures on hygienic subjects, such as the deadly danger of house flies, should occasionally be delivered from the pulpit instead of the orthodox sermon (of which, on the average, one is much like another and leaves the listener equally cold) is excellent. Anything that tends to conduce to the physical well-being of the community is in essence sacred, and is consequently a fit subject for the pulpit. I congratulate the inhabitants of Dunstable on their possession of a broadminded and intelligent Mayor.

John Bull.

To Mr. R. Fisher, Chairman, Farmers' Union, Beverley, Yorks.

Dear Farmer,—I see you are terribly upset because, after it had been agreed between the majority of farmers in your district that the price of butter should be 4s. a lb., a few went away and sold it at 3s. 6d. Of course, *you* would never have done such a thing. Just listen to yourself, "If we cannot get 4s. a lb., we ought to keep our butter at home; it will do for greasing waggons." You will tell me, no doubt, that that was a "joke," and I shall tell you it is about the worst I have heard since the war began. The price of butter, I know, is unavoidably high, but you needn't try to bring farmers into contempt.

John Bull.

To Last Green, Stanford Street, Lowestoft.

Cold-Blooded Cur,—You were lately charged with "unlawfully and cruelly causing unnecessary suffering to a dog by attempting to kill it in an improper manner." Why you should have desired to destroy the poor creature at all was not elicited in the evidence, but the method of execution you adopted was appalling. You hung the wretched animal from a post with twine, cut its throat, and then apparently went about your business. A neighbour, hearing the crying of a dog, looked over the fence and saw the victim of your brutality hanging there. He cut it down. It walked a few yards and stopped. You had neither hanged it effectually nor cut its throat with certainty. To put it out of its unspeakable misery, a humane policeman took it to a chemist's, where it was poisoned. The Magistrate marked his detestation of your act by fining you £5. You deserved five years.

John Bull.

To Mr. Alderman Betteridge, Education Committee, Croydon.

Dear Mr. Alderman,—An unenviable notoriety has been achieved by the Croydon Education Committee—of whose Finance Sub-Committee you are Chairman—through their action in referring back the recommendation of your sub-committee to discharge at six months' notice temporary woman clerks engaged during the war, "to enable the Committee to obtain suitable discharged soldiers who can do the work." I have not the smallest objection to women clerks as such; but I say this, and I have been saying it for I don't know how long: that no women temporarily engaged during the war should be allowed to fill the place of a discharged soldier. These ladies have had a very good innings in the Education Office, and to use your own words, "they knew that when the war was over their engagements would be terminated." It is disconcerting to find thirteen members of the Croydon Education Committee so easily forgetting the patriotic duty and obligation which every British town owes to its unemployed ex-soldiers.

John Bull.

To G. Bernard Shaw, Esq.

Dear Shaw,—A German magazine, printed in English and intended for foreign circulation has found its way into my possession, and, my word! don't they make a fuss of you. If you were the All Highest himself, greater prominence could hardly be given to your views upon Anglo-German relations and the operation of the Treaty of Versailles. In view of the great falling off of your popularity in this country, it must, I am sure, be a consolation to you to know that the Huns are so proud of you. They are, of course, such excellent judges of character, and although not a single line of my published writings appears in the Frankfort journal, I am not the least bit jealous.

John Bull.

To Major J. L. Baird, M.P., Under-Secretary to the Home Office.

Dear Major,—Your recent statement, in reply to a Parliamentary questioner, that the Home Secretary sees no urgent necessity for a change in the law respecting marriage with a deceased husband's brother, has been received with no small astonishment by those who, like myself, have had this matter under close consideration. I can only say that my correspondence teems with cases of gross hardship arising from this particular cause, and if the Home Secretary wants chapter and verse for it, he can have it and welcome any time he pleases. It looks to me like the old story of "Eyes" and "No Eyes" transferred to the realm of statesmanship. But *you* ought to know better.

John Bull.

To the Chairman, Parks and Gardens Committee, Liverpool City Council.

Sir,—If you have any vacant houses in Woolton Wood I expect the venerable Dr. Howson, Archdeacon of Warrington, and Rector of Woolton, knows several members of his flock who are homeless. A relative of his, however, who signs herself "Joan Howson," wrote with a co-signatory named H. E. Tod from the Rectory, Woolton, asking a member of your Committee to further their application to that body for the loan of a certain house in Woolton Woods "for a period of four months for 50 starving Austrian children." Austrians—even little ones—are not wanted in this country, and houses—even little ones—*are*. If there is nobody in Liverpool who wants that house, I am interested in a few ex-soldiers who would gladly make use of it.

John Bull.

To Mr. George Cleverley, Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, Etc., Norwich.

Dear Sir,—Your extraordinary cynicism almost takes one's breath away. In order to encourage their workmen engaged upon wooden houses, Messrs. Boulton & Paul offered a bonus on output, in addition to weekly wages. "Our objection to the bonus system," you state, "is that it is a speeding-up method and the offering of an inducement for men to work one against another. It is against our rules, and of course we are going to stop every job that Boulton and Paul's are connected with throughout the country." What a disgrace, what a scandal, what a humiliation, that British carpenters anxious to work their best and earn their most should be bound hand and foot by their Union to lazy, lounging, leisurely workshies who don't deserve a wage-earning job at all, and who, if they were left to the test of payment by results, would scarcely ever get one!

John Bull.

THE HEIGHT OF IMPUDENCE.

SOME TALL STORIES FROM CHANCERY LANE.

Give some charlatans an inch and they'll take an ell. But H. Chatburn, of the Chatburn Institute, 56-57, Chancery Lane, W.C., is different. He advertises :—

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RUINED BY THE STATE.

ROBBED BY GOVERNMENT WITHOUT REDRESS.

Mr. T. P. Woodhead, of Water Lane, Leeds, is but one among many who have found that Governments have short memories and no conscience; but the manner of his discovery seems to merit more than mere sympathy. As an electrical and mechanical engineer, he was employed under contract to make "Taps and Dies for Fuze No. 106" during the war, and was given a specific promise of indemnity from any loss incurred in connection with the work. In the course of the job he had to take an overdraft from his bankers, and they have since successfully sued him for it. Now he is confronted with ruin: he has lost all his own money, some thousands of pounds, on the contract, but possesses goods made under it sufficient to pay the bank many times over. The Ministry of Munitions, however, not only will not come to his rescue, but will not even honour their own contract by accepting delivery of the articles. On the face of it, the Ministry's attitude seems dirty and discreditable—particularly as D.O.R.A. precludes Mr. Woodhead suing for his rights.

FLOG THE BRUTES!

HORRIBLE CASE OF CHILD CRUELTY AT BIRMINGHAM

Public opinion in this country demands the strengthening of the law against cruelty to children. Equally cogent is the demand that Magistrates should adopt a standard of uniform severity towards persons convicted of these vile offences. At Birmingham, the other day, a carter and his wife, George and Annie Taylor, were charged with "neglecting" their little four-year-old girl. Normally this child should have weighed 30 lb. Actually it scaled 10 lb. 10 oz. The poor mite was a living skeleton. Even the case-hardened police-inspector declared that "the child presented a sight so ghastly that he never wanted to see any like it again." The medical evidence was conclusive that this poor baby—which, apart from its wasted condition, was in a filthy state of neglect—had been systematically starved by its unnatural parents. On admission to the Erdington Infirmary, the child brightened up immediately, began to put on flesh, and to respond in a score of ways to those kindly human influences to which, poor mite, she had been a stranger from birth. The Birmingham Magistrates sentenced the brutal father and mother to four months' imprisonment with hard labour—a penalty which, while still grossly inadequate, went almost to the limits of their powers. The law should stipulate for such cases to be tried at Sessions or Assizes, the Judges being empowered to inflict the lash on male offenders.

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A PENSION SCANDAL.

EX-SOLDIER PENALISED THROUGH OFFICIAL DELAYS

To pretend that the gallant ex-Service men are being properly treated is idle folly. For instance, a Manchester reader was engaged during most of his four years' Army service as a Sergeant Gymnastic Instructor, and demobilised in 1919 in a thoroughly broken condition of health. In spite of various disabilities, brought on by an internal strain resulting from his gymnastic work, and rendering him unfit for any but the lightest employment, this man's allowance from the Ministry of Pensions has never exceeded the paltry sum of 9s. 10d. weekly—and this he has had to fight for, as though he were endeavouring to wrest some unfair advantage from the Treasury, instead of merely asserting his undoubted rights. Three months ago, threatened with the total withdrawal of the pension, he applied for a Medical Board—feeling certain that the doctors would recognise his continued unfitness for regular employment. So they might have done, but the Pensions Department have entirely ignored his application; and the poor fellow now appeals to us in the greatest distress because of a letter from the Manchester War Pensions Committee stating their inability to help him further until a Medical Board has reported on the case. But what is he to do in the meantime, seeing that, in the opinion of his own doctor, he is suffering from gastritis and throat inflammation, and ought not, therefore, to work at all? On the whole, it looks as though the officials handling this painful case had fallen fast asleep.

AN ELUSIVE MERCHANT.

PHANTOM KILTS AND A SPECTRAL FIGURE.

An interesting experience befell a Welsh reader who replied to a newspaper advertisement emanating from a person named Moss, at 8, Talbot Court, London, E.C., who announced "New Kilts, Government Surplus, quite new," at 25s. apiece, "suitable for making up into children's dresses." He sent two 12s. 6d. Postal Orders, taking the precaution to register the letter in case of accidents. Within a day or two the missive was returned through the Post Office marked "Not known." It seems that Moss has no separate office at 8, Talbot Court, although he has been calling there for his letters. But of the wonderful kilts that were to gladden the hearts of the mothers of Britain there is no sign on the premises. Upon the whole, our friend may congratulate himself upon having had the prudence to register his letter, for if no signature had been required, it would doubtless have been picked up by Mr. Moss at his convenience—when the P.O.s might have stuck to his fingers. One never knows.

THE DEUTSCHER DISHED.

PATRIOTIC FIRM'S REPLY TO TRICKY TEUTONS.

A firm of cunning Huns—Sachische and Co., of Lauter in Sauchen, to wit—recently wrote to Messrs. Hutchinson, of Auckland, New Zealand, suggesting the resumption of "former good business relations." The head of the firm, a former Major, wasn't having any, as they say in the street. "Your brand 'Crossed Swords' is an appropriate one," he wrote to Sachische and Co., "for as long as the writer lives this will be the firm's attitude towards you and everything German and Austrian. We quite anticipate the usual German methods of trying to evade regulations by shipping through other countries—even as you suggest, through London buyers. This letter is being sent to our London buyers, so that they shall emphatically know our attitude towards you and everything German." It is a fine spirit; but there are many Britishers who now agree with the Hun that dot ist nodt peesiness.

OUR SEARCH FOR WORLD-BEATERS.

BY A. G. ("SMILER") HALES.

IN answer to the stream of letters flowing into JOHN BULL office regarding our search for British Champions of all weights, permit me to say publicly that my quest is succeeding far beyond my hopes. From the quality of the material I have unearthed, I arrive at the conclusion that a year hence Great Britain will hold more World Championships than all the rest of the universe put together. I never for a moment doubted that the "material" was here, and started out full of confidence and my confidence has been steadily increasing from day to day. Of course, I have had some disappointments; in one case I travelled some hundreds of miles to see a great husky fellow fight a trial in public. When he appeared in the ring he looked the part to perfection—almost a John L. Sullivan. He fought the first round well; he was very fast for a big man, and his punch was a terror. In the second round he got a couple of punches that hurt a bit, and he quitted like a cur. All he wanted was the loser's end of the purse put up by a local promoter who had selected him as a probable champion. Another big dud told me he had "stopped" sixteen men during the last three months. I gave him a trial and—well, if he stopped sixteen men he stopped them in the street to ask them the time.

As soon as our arrangements for getting a hall in London are complete we will publish our programme in JOHN BULL—but not until then, as there are too many imitators about eager to jump in and make use of our ideas. Have you noticed how many newspapers have suddenly taken an active interest in the "finding of a champion" since JOHN BULL started the crusade? It is very flattering to be copied, but we do not want copyists to pirate *all* our ideas and label them as their own! I will, however, give this much away: We intend to have a competition in London for bona fide new boxers of all weights, and where we find boxers of great promise who have had some experience in the provinces we will not match them with the raw lads, but will make "star turns" of them. Later on we will match the best of the raw recruits against the winners of the "star turns" and in this way we shall get the best talent existing in Great Britain. I have one heavy-weight already who will make quite a good show with any of the "heavies" now before the public, and his name has never even been whispered in London. The lads on my list are of all classes and professions, and two at least are 'Varsity men—a good number have adopted names other than their own, to which we have not the slightest objection. Strangely enough, I have not got a blacksmith amongst my big fellows so far, nor a pit sawyer, but they may come trotting in a little later.

On the 15th of this month Young Jim Slater and Pasha Jones do battle at Walsall, which is my headquarters for the time being. These middle-weights are both good, though they are a trifle green at present; however, they will be heard of in London before long. Jones is improving every day under tuition, and will make Slater fight to the very last ounce of his capacity. I know both these lads well now—nice, quiet, modest, inoffensive young men, of the right John Bull breed. I have, fortunately, secured the services of Mr. Harry Clement, of the *Birmingham Gazette*, as referee for this contest. Mr. Malcolm Williams will referee the rest of the programme. I wish I could get this gentleman to enter for our World's Championship competition, for he is "hot stuff" and still young enough, but business prevents his training. JOHN BULL's referees are going to interpret the rules most strictly in all contests, especially that relating to clinching—which says the contestants must stand up and "box" for three minutes each round. This is seldom done—frequently there is not more than a minute and a half per round of actual boxing, the remainder of the time being spent in clinching, which is really a form of wrestling. We are determined that this shall stop. If a lad won't fight, he will be turned out of the ring. He can enter again when we start a wrestling competition. That is the only way to bring out real champions.

THE TRIUMPH OF JUSTICE.

HEARTLESS CINEMA ADVENTURERS PUNISHED.

In their efforts to bring the "wrong 'uns" to book the police occasionally avail themselves of the information in our possession, sometimes with excellent results—as in the case of Marion Quigley and Oxford Welding, two shameless cinema adventurers, recently convicted at the Old Bailey of obtaining money by false pretences. It was the case of one of those pseudo "cinema schools" against which we have so often warned our readers, and it was clear on the face of the evidence that fee-paying pupils in great numbers had been attracted by promises of lucrative engagements which the defendants, of course, had no prospect whatever of bringing about. Added to the complaints received by the police from disappointed pupils, Detective-Inspector Gillard, who was in charge of the prosecution, was able to make excellent use of particulars with which we had furnished him—with the result that, at last, the net of the criminal law was tightly drawn around as pretty a pair of rascals as the cinema world has seen. Although Quigley escaped imprisonment, chiefly no doubt on account of her youth, it was evident that at 23 years of age the female defendant had grown old in the ways of dishonesty; while her confederate Welding, described as a "film producer"—this pretence, probably, being of a piece with the rest—richly deserved the sentence of nine months' imprisonment awarded by Judge Atherley Jones. Let us hope we are rid of these noxious parasites upon an honourable profession.

"A BUNDLE OF RAGS."

HOW A BOY LEFT AN ARMY TRAINING SCHOOL.

About two years ago a boy named Percival Clare, the child of poor parents at Paddington, was admitted to the Newport Market Army Training School, Greencoat Place, Westminster, to be trained as a band boy, his father having served 21 years in the Army. The arrangement was that the parents should contribute 5s. weekly towards his maintenance; but, unfortunately, this tax proved too much for the family's slender resources, and a few weeks ago he was ordered to leave. On his arrival home his mother was shocked to see him, as she says, "a bundle of rags," and bearing every evidence of prolonged neglect. But in flat contradiction to this was a certificate from the School Medical Officer, dated the day previously, and couched in the following reassuring terms:—

> I have examined boy Percival Clare. He is in good health. HARRY LAVIES.

However, such comfort as there was in this was rudely dashed a day later, when a local doctor to whom the poor boy was taken gave the lie direct to the School M.O. This second certificate ran:—

> This is to certify that Percival Clare is suffering from a poisoned wound and from debility caused by insufficient food and clothing.

Although, as we have said, the payments latterly had fallen behind, the struggling parents of this poor boy had contributed many pounds towards his upkeep in the Newport Market Army Training School, from the managers of which an explanation is clearly due.

A TWO-HEADED RAMP.

PUTNEY TURF SWINDLE TRAVELS NORTH.

A week or two ago we were on the track of a firm of bookmakers, Thos. Wilson and Co., of 10, High Street, Putney. Now, curiously enough, we have been favoured with a circular in exactly similar terms from a Yorkshire firm—Thos. Weldon and Co., Commission Agents, 867, South West View, Bradford—whose brazen proposals for fleecing artless patrons of the turf coincide in every detail with the Putney plan. As before, the bookmaker intimates that his clients are to back horses at his dictation, sharing the gains (and keeping the losses)—the whole scheme having been worked out with such skill that Weldon—or is it Wilson?—thinks it "needless to say the arrangement will prove a veritable gold-mine." So perhaps it may if there are sufficient greenhorns knocking around—but not, of course, to the unhappy punters.

WHAT IS IT?

A MYSTERY THAT IS "ALMOST A PROFESSION."

H. & M. Williams, of Royal Chambers, Bridlesmith Gate, Nottingham, call themselves Manufacturers and Merchants. What they manufacture we know not, but they are merchants of mystery. A Bath reader answered this advert.:

> Ex-Service man working novel business profitably is willing to pass on the plan. No capital required. Full investigation. Particulars from H. Woodward, 54, Player Street, Nottingham.

He received a letter from H. & M. Williams' "Aids to Economy Department," assuring him that the business was "novel, simple, filled a long-felt want, was closely connected with the two problems of the day, 'the high cost of living' and 'the house question,' was honest, straightforward, upright, desirable, almost a profession, needed no special ability, no capital and showed good results." In short, they exhausted all their stock of adjectives without giving any information—that was to be had for ten shillings! Our friend asks what we think of it. Um—well, if for his ten shillings he received the advice to find as many fools as possible who would part with Treasury notes in return for a problematical fortune-maker, we should not be surprised.

ANOTHER SHABBY SWINDLE.

THE WAY THEY MAKE "BRADS" AT BRADFORD.

No news is not always good news: that, at least, is what a Stornaway reader thought when, after sending £4 10s.—half his gratuity on demobilisation—to a concern calling itself the Bradford Woollen Co., he received, instead of the suit he ordered, just nothing. That was in October last year. A letter calling for an explanation elicited during the following month "sincere" regrets that the shortage of labour and the rush of orders had led to delay. This missive was signed "Kind regards, E. Fenlon, proprietor." It was not till January that our friend heard any more; then, after two further letters, he was informed that there was no trace of his order. He repeated it, and was promised a further selection of patterns, but up to date he is still "unsuited"—and, despite the fact that Fenlon had signed for the registered packet in which both cash and order were enclosed, he has the hardihood to suggest that the money may have been stolen. Our correspondent is inclined to think it has. A County Wexford man—another ex-soldier, who in this case is £4 out of pocket—agrees with him; so does a West Lothian correspondent, who parted with four guineas as long ago as last September, and is still waiting for satisfaction. These are but a few of the complaints which have reached us concerning the business. If the Bradford police can spare the time to call upon Mr. Fenlon, we can save them the trouble of collecting evide

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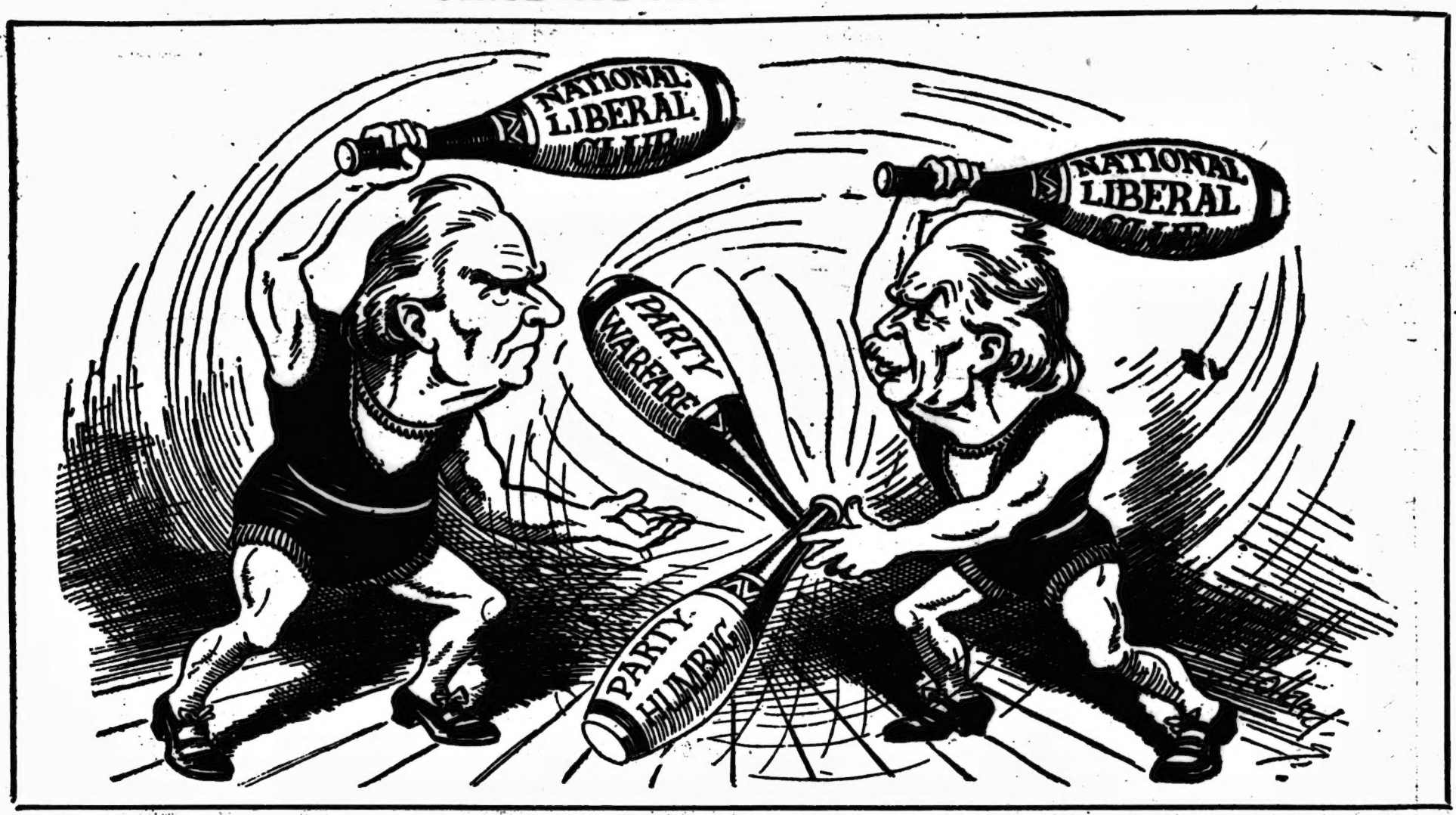

At first sight, p'r'aps, one might suppose
That these two men had come to blows;

But it's a "game," that's all. In fact,
It's just the old club-throwing act.

A TRAGEDY OF THE SLUMS.

RELIEVING OFFICER NOT "AT HOME" FOR A DYING MOTHER.

In the interests of poor humanity it is to be hoped that the Chairman of the Worcester Guardians will bring before the Board for investigation the state of things in the Relieving Office, as revealed by the inquest on a widow named Flood and her infant. With the morals of the case we are not concerned at all. The gravamen to us is that this woman, a denizen of the slums of Worcester, while suffering from pneumonia, gave birth to a dead child, and that she herself died without the attention of a doctor or a visit from anybody connected with the Relieving Office. The Relieving Officer was sent for. As he was away, the messenger put a note in his letter-box. At 5 o'clock in the afternoon he had not reached this dying woman, so deplorably deserted in the throes of her travail.

Another messenger was dispatched, and returned with the information that "the Relieving Officer was not there, but would get the message early next morning." When subsequently witnesses entered the bedroom the woman was a corpse, with her prematurely-born child, "wrapped in an old skirt," dead under her pillow. The explanation of the Relieving Officer, on being questioned by the Coroner, was that he was away because he was ill, and "the letter was not opened by his colleague." Those are briefly the facts. What strikes us at once is that the Relieving Officer should have arranged with his colleague to attend to affairs while he was away; and it is clear that if there was a proper system that delegate would have opened the letter and personally acted. It would be more than deplorable, it would be scandalous, if the Guardians permitted this neglect of duty to pass without severe reprimand.

PENALTY OF VALOUR.

SCANDALOUS TREATMENT OF A BRITISH FIGHTING SEAMAN.

A bad case of all-round carelessness and neglect is the only verdict we can pass upon the facts submitted to us by an old merchant seaman at Tredworth, Gloucester, who, like so many heroes of the Mercantile Marine, spent his last ounce in the service of his country during the grim struggle with the pirate Huns. It was in the course of a sharp contest with a German submarine that the good fellow met with an accident, the effects of which are still with him—slipping on the deck and injuring his right leg. Owing to the great pressure under which the crew were working, he laid up for a few days only, and then limped back to his duties; but permanent lameness supervened, and since his discharge from the merchant service he has become totally incapacitated for employment.

In the circumstances, the man very properly contends that he is entitled to adequate compensation for an injury directly arising from his war employment, yet whichever way he turns the door is barred and bolted. The owners decline to assist him on account of the neglect of the captain of the vessel in not formally entering the accident in the log-book, an omission possibly due to the excitement of the submarine action; while, as regards a Government award, the branch of the Pensions Ministry dealing with seamen's claims, having delayed the matter for nearly twelve months, now obligingly announce that they have lost the applicant's Discharge Book and other vital documents. Such treatment of a British sailor injured in an affray with the King's enemies is a reproach to all concerned—not least to the Government, whose responsible Ministers during the war paid such glowing verbal tributes to the self-sacrificing and ill-paid efforts of our brave seamen.

THE L.C.C. AS TYRANT.

STUPID OFFICIALISM RUINS BOY'S PROMISING CAREER.

There is no doubt something to be said for the special regulations concerning physically defective children framed by the L.C.C., but they should be applied with some degree of common-sense and with due regard to the rights of parents. That this is not always the case is evident from the vindictive way in which a waterside labourer at Southwark has been pursued on account of the non-attendance of his son, a lad nearly 15 years of age, at a Physically Defective School. There seems to be nothing much wrong with the boy, although a year or two ago he was admitted to Guy's Hospital suffering from air-raid shock, and then came under the notice of the authorities, who certified him as "physically defective" and ordered him to remain at school till 16—two years beyond the ordinary leaving age.

Naturally, to the hard-working father—who was in poor circumstances, having had a great deal of family trouble—this was a serious matter; however, he did what in the circumstances seemed reasonable, obtaining two independent medical certificates stating that his son was quite capable of light employment. On the strength of these, the lad found a capital situation with a London firm. But the L.C.C. were not to be shaken off. Ignoring the evidence of the doctors, they three times prosecuted the father, who was fined £1 on each occasion, and finally secured the lad's dismissal from his situation by a threatening notice served on his employers. The result has been to rob the boy of a promising berth, in which, while his duties, physically speaking, were of the lightest, he might in due course have attained to a position of independence. If he never gets such a chance again, he will know whom to blame.

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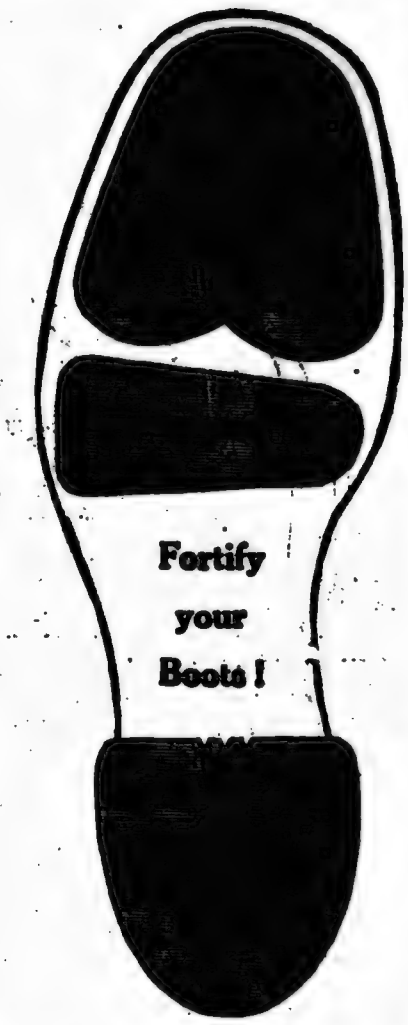

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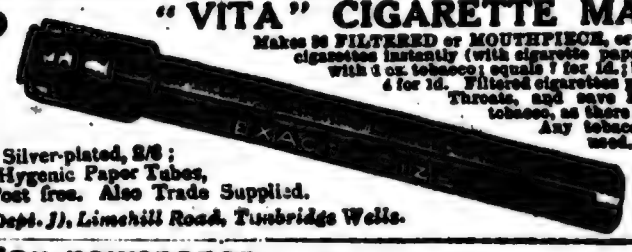

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Income Tax Anomaly.

In the administration of the Income Tax laws there are many hardships and anomalies. The following—affecting thousands of the "black-coat" class—should immediately be rectified. Clerks and others receiving payment on a monthly basis are *not* allowed a rebate on travelling and mid-day meal expenses, whilst a rebate *is* allowed to workmen receiving *weekly* wages. There surely cannot be any good reason for this unfair distinction.—F. Home, Richmond Road, Twickenham.

Employers and Housing.

Under present conditions of bad housing, high prices and Ejectment Orders, could not large employers of labour assist their workmen to purchase their houses when put up for sale? This would save untold worry to the workman and his wife, create a better feeling between master and man, and deal a deadly blow to present day "Direct Actionists." Repayment could be effected by the rent and a small agreed extra sum being paid weekly until completion.—G. E. Blackwell, Pant Road, Newport, Mon.

Children's Courts.

A responsible woman should be at hand in all cases in which children are concerned, in order to advise the Judge or Magistrate, as these gentlemen seem to see things a little out of proportion sometimes. What women would send a little lad to a reformatory for several years for such ridiculous "crimes" as stealing a few apples or sacks? On the other hand, what woman—particularly what *mother*—would let off with a fine a brute who nearly flogs a child to death, or an unnatural monster guilty of an indecent assault upon a tiny girl?—(Mrs.) E. W. Law, The Avenue, West Ealing.

Protection for Sub-Tenants.

If the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest Act is further extended, its scope should include furnished and unfurnished rooms, in the letting of which profiteering of a most glaring kind has flourished. It is quite impossible to solve the housing difficulty for some time to come—hence the necessity to protect the painfully large number of persons who are forced to avail themselves of the apartments. The tenant is protected by the Act and, in common fairness, his lodger should enjoy a similar safeguard. There is ample data available to guide our legislators in this matter.—Thos. E. V. Meek, Roberts Avenue, Manchester.

Warning to Emigrants.

In view of the expected boom in emigration, especially to Canada, a word of warning might prove helpful. Be sure that both yourself and family (if any) are thoroughly fit physically and mentally, as examinations will be more stringent. Many are being turned back on this side. If you've got a job keep it, as Canada has her own labour problems, and is trying hard to fix up her thousands of returned soldiers. If you're a tenant of a house, don't be in a hurry to quit it, as houses are awfully scarce everywhere in Canada. Also remember that only farm workers and domestic servants are really needed at present in Canada.—Fred Bateman, Springhurst Ave., Ottawa.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. John Goodman.

The Transport Muddle.

Why cannot the Minister of Transport see to shopkeepers' interests? Goods are ordered from makers as far back as three or four months, but the Railway Company will not collect or accept same for delivery. If this goes on, how are we going to pay Income Tax, etc., as we can't get goods to sell? It seems the shopkeeper's door is an ever open door for tax collectors—but not for goods!—T. Storey, Cleadon, nr. Sunderland.

Lancashire's Lead.

Instead of all-the-year round football, which some enthusiasts advocate, why not League Cricket? There is no need for "billiard table" pitches. Moderate pitches and fast "out-to-win" games would certainly draw the public; and a trophy would enhance interest in the games. What Lancashire did last summer the rest of England should do this summer.—Geo. Burrows, Otto Street, Kennington, S.E.

Municipal Banks.

Often the possession of a few pounds in ready money would save people much physical and mental suffering, or be the means of paying their way to success. Under the strain of financial worry people usually have to turn to the nearest money-lender—with the result that, owing to the exorbitant rate of interest charged, they never succeed in repaying the loan and eventually find themselves in the bankruptcy court. In France, each town has its Municipal Bank, where responsible householders may have loans free of interest and repayable by easy instalments. Could not such Banks be started in England?—John Goodman, Lord Street, Walsall.

The Mutton Ramp.

At last the much-advertised reduction in the price of imported mutton has taken place; but we find that while it is "down," lamb is "up." A week or two back, legs of mutton and lamb were selling at 1s. 4d. per pound; now, legs of mutton are 1s. 3d. and legs of lamb 1s. 7d.—a clear case of robbing Peter to pay Paul, and apparently a dodge on the part of the Ministry of Food to foist their surplus stock of inferior meat on the unsuspecting public.—W. C. Clinch, Lyndhurst Road, Chichester.

Saint Sophia.

I heard this week an excellent illustrated lecture on Constantinople. The speaker gave a full account of the great Church (now, alas! Mosque) of Santa Sophia; of its pristine beauties, and their defacement by the Turk, who sought to blot out all memories of the Christian worship carried on for a thousand years, whereas the Turkish occupation had only lasted since 1453. The Church at least should be restored to the Christian inhabitants, though the Turks are left in possession of the city.—(Rev.) R. H. Streeten, M.A., Swinford, Sidcup.

Unfair Taxation.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer levies no tax on the quantities of works of art, antiques, costly jewellery, etc., bought by millionaires and the "War-rich"; but imposes a heavy tax (under the head of unearned income) on small house-property owners, who have invested their life earnings and savings in this property. That seems grossly unfair!—L. S. Phillips, Burlington Street, Brighton.

Humane Rabbit Snares.

The general use of the horrible tooth-gins for rabbits is a national reproach. The amount of suffering inflicted by them is incalculable. There should be a law passed to compel the use of the humane type of snare, which is just as effective in catching the rabbits, and inflicts no pain. Sir Ian Heathcoat Amory, of Tiverton, buys the wire and the cord wholesale in large quantities, keeps two invalids making these snares, and retails them at cost price to all who wish to use them. Others should follow this example.—J. H. Scattergood, Lake Road, Portsmouth.

John Bull's Other Teachers.

In Ireland the prospects of Protestant teachers are gloomy in the extreme. There are hundreds of clever, energetic, college-trained teachers in charge of tiny schools, while for hundreds of appointments in England there are but a few applicants. Experienced Irish Elementary teachers would gladly seek work in English schools, were it not that *service in Ireland does not count for pension in England.* Since service in Scotland now counts in England, surely it would be a benefit both to England and Ireland if this barrier were now removed.—(Miss) A. Landon, Clontarf, Dublin.

Who Pays?

Every decent person detests anonymous communications. Our Press and hoardings now exhibit many advertisements and posters, unsigned appeals in the name of patriotism, manifestoes cunningly worded and so much akin to the various Government advertisement schemes since 1914 that people are wondering if taxpayers' money is being squandered in this direction! The authors defeat their purpose by not signing like Britons. What have they to be ashamed of? Their names, associations, or lack of disinterestedness?—James Hegley, Tramway Avenue, Lower Edmonton.

A Chance for the Church.

On a recent Sabbath evening I visited a "dosshouse," where 150 men were cooking, dining, arguing, reading, playing cards, etc.; all decently decorous, though "down on their luck"—an intensely "human" lot. Within a radius of a hundred yards the discordant bells of three rival churches invited the faithful to evening service. In such dosshouses are hundreds of ex-Service men of the type who "went through it from Mons." If orthodox Christianity has any word of comfort, encouragement, uplift, or good cheer to provide, let it *carry* the message where it is needed, as did Christ Himself. "They that are whole," He said, "need no physician, but they that are sick."—John James Miner, Tullebody Road, Alloa, N.B.

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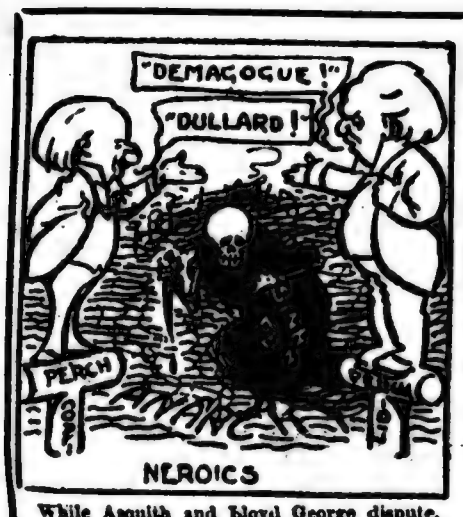

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MY IRISH SOLUTION.

FOR three days last week I listened, with intermittent intervals, to the latest Home Rule debate. *Debate!* Egad, haven't we had enough of Irish "debates"? What good have they *ever* done? And who shall say that this latest effort of the Government has brought us one inch further on the road of Irish unity? It has been about the most unreal and futile talk I have ever listened to in the House of Commons—and, Heaven knows, that is saying a lot. Poor old Ireland—and poor old Britain! What *is* the good of keeping up the game? For game it is, and nothing more. Face facts. To-day Ireland is thoroughly out of hand. The great majority of her population is sick and tired of British rule, and is determined to end it. It may be—as Sir Edward Carson contended during the debate—that all the serious crime and unrest at present existing is the result of Irish-American propaganda; but that does not alter the fact that on the principle of "self-determination"—about which we have all mouthed so eloquently—Sinn Fein holds the field—except in the Northern provinces, where, on balance, public sentiment is overwhelmingly in favour of maintaining the Union with Britain. However, Ulster is but a portion of Ireland, and your whole doctrine of "self-determination" goes if, in order to adapt it to the interests of Britain, you exclude its application from one particular part of the country. Ireland is either one or she is two countries. Essentially she is two, but the difficulty of dealing with her on that basis is that you cannot segregate the whole of each of the two nationalities in distinct areas. Consequently, any scheme you devise for either all or a portion of the Ulster counties must of necessity leave a large part of the population at the mercy of its racial and religious enemies.

The Way to Civil War.

And therein lies the fallacy of the latest Home Rule Bill. There is to be a Parliament for six of the northern counties and a Parliament for the rest of the country—*provided, of course, that the people will elect them.* That Ulster will do so I have no doubt—for she certainly won't give the South a first run. But what of Sinn Fein Ireland and *its* Parliament? Either it will be dominated by the apostles of Secession and Independence, or they will stand aloof from the whole thing—laughing at the new Parliament as they do to-day at that of Britain. And in each case the result will be the same. Either through the Southern Legislature or outside it, you will have the demand for an Irish Republic—backed up by the vast majority of the people. On the other hand, the Ulster House of Commons will vehemently, and even threateningly, repudiate and resist that claim. And what will follow? *One thing, and one thing only*—Civil War. "Unity"! There is no more chance of bringing about unity between Ulster and the rest of Ireland than there is of forming a coalition between Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Devlin! There *are* two Irelands—and no amount of parliamentary camouflage will alter that fact. One is intensely British, and the other intensely anti-British. *Nothing* will reconcile them—and least of all an Act of the British Parliament. At the same time, I wish the Government good luck in its latest experiment. As in the case of every Home Rule Bill which has been introduced when I have been in the House of Commons, I voted for this one.

My Plan for a Solution.

It shall never be said of me that I have declined to give Ireland a chance of deciding her own fate. But I have no hope. I see nothing but strife and discord—and perhaps something worse—ahead. The truth is that so far as Constitutional methods are concerned in the case of Ireland, Britain is beaten. Too long has she been the unhappy sport of Parties. "Home Rule" has been a political cry; there has been little sincerity, so far as the British politician is concerned, either in the "pros" or the "antis." And while Parties have played their miserable game, Ireland has gone from bad to worse. There are two ways, and two ways only, in which the problem can be settled. Either we must let Northern and Southern Ireland fight it out between themselves—"leaving the fire to burn itself out," as the Prime Minister said of Russia—or we must face the situation. And how *can* we deal with it? I see but one way. I indicated it in these columns many months ago. We must have British Ireland and Independent Ireland—giving every Southern loyalist the opportunity, and ample facilities, for transferring to the North. British Ireland would, of course, have the protection, in every respect, of the Mother Country—whilst Independent Ireland would be left to shift for itself. There might be, and probably would be, occasional friction between the two Irelands—*but there would be no Imperial danger.* And I guarantee that, within a year, South and North would unite! That, and that only, is the solution of the Irish problem.

"About It—A

A Weekly Commentary Upon

By THE

TH INDUS ASSUR SCAN

I HAVE no intention of letting this subject drop. Already my colleague, Mr. Charles Palmer, has raised it in the House—and, together, we mean to keep the Government up to the scratch till some of the crying scandals revealed in the Report of the Board of Trade Committee have been remedied. My article last week has brought me thousands of letters—many of them from discharged soldiers who, from one cause or another, have returned to find that policies upon which premiums had been paid for years had lapsed, and in most cases they get nothing whatever in return for their money. This is a crime rather than a scandal—and I mean to have it wiped out. As I said last week, Industrial Life Assurance is one of the things which *should* be nationalised; although I confess that, in view of the findings of the Committee in regard to Post Office insurances, any State system will require the introduction of more businesslike methods than those which have hitherto prevailed. There is no reason at all why, apart from ordinary public propaganda, there should not be a complete system of canvassing under the ægis of the State itself, with adequate safeguards against the misleading inducements at present held out by the agents of competing private concerns. Why, for instance, should not every Registrar of Births—and, for that matter, of Marriages as well—distribute simply-worded leaflets, explaining the terms of the national system of Industrial Assurance? And this method should be followed up by a scheme of honest canvassing. We don't want any more of that vicious institution known as the "Special Canvasser" who, as the Committee points out, obtains his living solely by procuring what is called "new business."

When Their Eyes Were Opened.

We thought we had given this parasite his quietus during our conflict with the Prudential, but apparently he is still in evidence, although many of the fraudulent methods once employed by him have now been abandoned—thanks, to a large extent, to the intervention of the Companies themselves when their eyes were opened to the true character of his machinations. That he is still, however, a power for evil, is shown by the Report. "He may, perhaps, have been an agent who has discovered in himself an exceptional capacity for persuasion, and he has forsaken the routine of steady collection for the excitement and emoluments of canvassing. He is not an employee of any particular Company; he is not, as a rule, even retained by the Company in whose name he is acting for the time being, and he is therefore trammelled by no sense of responsibility to the prospective assured. He is employed apparently by an agent or local superintendent, desirous of securing an 'increase' beyond his own powers or impelled to it, perhaps, by the pressure of his Company. The two, apparently, go the round of the agent's customers together, the agent ostensibly to collect, and the canvasser to employ his specialised arts in inducing the new proposal, the procuration of which is the real purpose of the call. It is scarcely to be doubted that many of the misunderstandings which have arisen in the minds of policy-holders, and of the misrepresentations of which allegation has been made, are due to this irresponsible method of forcing business." The poor must not be exploited in a matter so vitally affecting their lives and their homes. It is useless for the Companies to say they can't afford to do more for their customers. Their profits have been colossal—whilst, in some mysterious way, nearly every one of their directors who dies leaves a big fortune behind him. That, by the way, is one of the things I shall want explained. Just reflect. Immediately before the war, the shareholders of the Prudential received £600,000 a year in dividends on a capital of £1,000,000, whilst latterly they have been receiving £400,000 a year—in each case free of income-tax; and, as the Committee points out, "of these sums, by far the greater part was provided by the Industrial branch"—just as in another portion of its Report it emphasises the point that "in view of the nature of the business, it is evident the share capital of Industrial Assurance Com-

"It—And About."

Upon Matters of Public Importance.

By THE EDITOR.

THE INDUSTRIAL ASSURANCE SCANDAL.

panies exercises much less important functions than that of commercial or industrial undertakings, and this is specially the case where there is no contingent liability for uncalled capital." Well may the Committee add that "in these circumstances the case for high dividends appears to rest upon somewhat slender foundations," and that "the policy-holders should receive a substantially greater part of the profits than is accorded to them at the present time." Now, in this matter, particularly having regard to my past battles with the Prudential—I am most anxious to be scrupulously fair to all the various Companies and Societies engaged in Industrial Life Assurance business. Accordingly, I have invited such principal Companies as the Prudential, Pearl and Refuge, by way of a beginning, to furnish me with any answer they may care to make to the findings of the Committee. Up to the time of going to press—which, owing to the holidays, we have had to do earlier than usual this week—I have not been favoured with any response to such invitation, and I shall keep an open mind, for the moment, upon several points which, in my opinion, call for explanation.

"No Insurable Interest."

I want to emphasise the fact that these Companies between them, have a *clientele*, as estimated by the Committee, of about 35,000,000 persons, holding over 50,000,000 policies. On the face of it, such figures require explanation—and we get it, to some extent, in the following paragraph in the Report: "It is seldom the case, so far as the Committee can judge, that the breadwinner of the family is himself assured for a substantial amount, despite the large amount paid in premiums by the average family. Mothers are solicited to effect an assurance on all the lives of the family; young people are importuned to insure their parents; and relations of the elderly, near and remote, are induced to take out policies where often there is no insurable interest, or any prospect of having to pay necessary funeral expenses." Obviously such practices should be discouraged—and I await with interest the official defence of them. Then take another finding of the Committee: "On examining the Returns rendered to the Board of Trade, the Committee have been much impressed by the indications of the extent to which policies have been taken out on lives of comparatively advanced age, where the premiums are very heavy compared with the sums assured. In the case of the Refuge, two-thirds of the whole amount of the premiums of the whole-life weekly business is paid in respect of persons who are over fifty years of age, and an analysis of the Returns shows that the average duration of all these policies is under seven years. The inference is clear—the bulk of the business is done among a class of the public which insures the lives of relations as a regular practice." Here, again, I say the Companies—and the Societies—must explain. As with infants, a limit must be placed upon the amount of policies on the lives of the elderly. This, however, is but one of many reforms which I hope to be instrumental in some measure in bringing about, and to which I shall make further reference in future issues. Let me dismiss the matter for the moment with these final comments: Thrift and setting aside something for an emergency call upon the pocket are two virtues which, without for a moment being critical of my poorer brethren, I must say have not in the past been conspicuous. But to-day, when better wages are being earned—and if we can only get down prices those wages will be worth a good deal more than they are now—there will be money which can be well used in industrial insurance. That time, I hope, is coming, and it is because some of us are working hard to advance the happy hour that I want to be ready for it with a scheme of insurance which shall be a real benefit to the humbler classes. There must, I repeat, be no more pilfering of the pence of the poor. And I, for one, will do all I can to prevent this robbery.

HANDS ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

I CAN conceive of no greater disaster that could befall civilisation at the present juncture than any serious misunderstanding between Great Britain and France. If ever such a tragedy occurs, which God forbid, it will be the work of incendiaries on either side of the Channel—of short-sighted fools who can see no farther than their own frontiers. Unfortunately, British politicians are not immune from the poison of "Franco-phobia," which occasionally finds expression in the House of Commons and in certain organs of the Press. We hear the French people, fresh from their cruel martyrdom at the hands of the brutal Hun, denounced as a vengeful rabble, intent on the spoils of victory and careless of the general fate of Europe. And the curious thing is that this slighting language towards our great and gallant Ally is held by the very same people who are prepared to beslaver the United States with fulsome praise, and to hold up their hands in holy horror at any fancied insult to Uncle Sam. Well, to me, this is sheer mad perversity. I do not want to draw invidious comparisons between one "friendly" nation and another; but if it comes to a choice between France and America, give me France all the time.

To Chain Up the German Devil.

How this gallant people has suffered! Is it, then, any wonder if the whole trend of her diplomacy is summed up in the phrase, "Never again"? Who shall blame M. Clemenceau if all his efforts at Versailles were calculated with the single motive of so chaining up the German devil that never again should his hateful breath befoul the fair fields of France? Nor did the sufferings of our Ally end with the Armistice. Picture to yourself the worst that we in this country have endured; multiply it tenfold in horror—yet still the total falls infinitely short of the sum of suffering which the French people have endured. To-day the economic plight of France is desperate. The rate of exchange, that barometric test of prosperity, is heavily against her. One day last week the quoted value of the franc as between London and Paris dropped so low that 57 of them could be had for the £1 sterling, as against 25 before the war. Think what this means to a proud and once prosperous people. While Britain slowly marshalled her military strength, while America confessed herself "too proud to fight," this gallant nation bore the solid brunt of the German attack, offering to the sustained assault of a savage foe a rampart of her living flesh—and now she pays the bitter penalty. It may be said of her with even greater truth than it was said of Belgium, "She saved Europe; herself she could not save."

France Shall Not be Betrayed.

What, then, ought our policy to be? Surely it may be summed up in a sentence: Loyalty—Loyalty, the stronger because of a friend's adversity; Fidelity, patient of every foible and heedless of chance provocation; Gratitude, that remembers only the great blood-debt that swallows up all minor claims. In the House of Commons, the other day, I questioned the Prime Minister in regard to the solemn undertaking given to France by Great Britain and America at the time of the Treaty of Versailles, by which we pledged ourselves to go to the assistance of the French nation in the event of an unprovoked German attack at any future time. I wanted to know whether this vital engagement had been ratified by the American Senate or whether in regard to it, as with so many other of his solemn obligations, Uncle Sam proposed to bilk his European associates. In reply, I was told by Mr. Lloyd George that if the United States should decline to ratify the Pact with France, "a new situation would be created which would demand further consideration." This, I suppose, is the cautious language of diplomacy, but I confess that it does not satisfy me. I say, emphatically—that whatever other countries may do, whatever may happen in Washington or elsewhere—Great Britain must stand by France, and the moment she falters in this solemn obligation she will be dishonoured before the whole world. If I know my countrymen, they will not be content to take their international morals from Washington. A plain statement on this vital question is overdue. And it is overdue because we have a right to know our commitments, in order that we may be prepared to meet them. Mr. Asquith's Government deliberately kept us in the dark, literally, until the eve of our declaration of war. We were never told how we were pledged to go to the help of France—otherwise we should not have allowed Ministers to cut down the Army, and so place us in a position of supreme jeopardy. The massacre of Mons was the price we paid for the crime of keeping us in the dark. There is not the smallest chance of America honouring the Tripartite pledge agreed to by President Wilson. A "new situation" has been created—and if France is irritable and suspicious, who can wonder? We are pledged to her in loyalty and affection and *we* shall not play the part of betrayer.

IN THE BARBER'S CHAIR.

SIR NEVIL MACREADY.

Goo' mornin', sir. Nice s'mor— . . . Eh? *Cut the cackle?* S'cuse me, sir, but I ain't used to bein' spoke to like thet by no one. If you kin find a barber wot talks less 'n wot I do, I'd—. . . *W'ich chair?* W'y, *thet* chair, if you're in sich an 'ell of a n'urry! Wot kin I 'ave the pleasure of— . . . *Don't argue?* 'Oo's arguin'? I was on'y sayin'—. . . *Accordin'* to the papers, things is in a rotten state in Ireland, sir, ain't they? . . . *Wot do I know about Ireland?* Well, I reads the papers, and a friend o' mine wot's a stud groom at some racin' stables down in the country goes over there sometimes an' tells me all about it w'en 'e comes 'ome. Fur all the 'orrible murders, there seems to be plenty of whisky an' Guinness's stout to be 'ad, accordin' to *'is* account. So things might be worse. I reckon them Sinn Feiners 'll 'ave to lay low a bit now Sir Nevil Macready is goin' to take 'em in 'and. I spec' 'e's there by now. . . . *Oh, 'e aint*, aint 'e? You seem to know all about it. P'raps you knows w'ere 'e is at the present moment? Oh, you *do*, do you? Then might I inquire w'ere 'e is, if it ain't a rood question? . . . Eh? *'E's 'ere!* Wot, in this chair? You meanter say as *you're* Sir Nevil? . . . I'm proud ter meet you, sir. I unnerstand you're the right man fur Ireland . . .

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Do you 'appen to be Irish yoreself, sir? . . . *W'y do I awsk?* Well, there's an Irish cut about your top lip, if you'll excuse me. Orl the better if you are. But I kin unnerstand you refusin' to say one way or another. It ain't nuthink to be proud of to claim Irish blood nowadays. I'm a bit of an Irishman meself on me fawther's side, but I don't make a song about it. I useter be proud to say I was 'arf Irish, but not now. They've disappointed me, an' made me feel ashamed. I ain't speakin' o' the Irish soljers. They're *all* right—some of the finest in the British Empire. An' I ain't runnin' down the Irish pleece, wot are the bravest o' the brave. I'm referrin' to the Irish politicians, an' the Irish traitors, and the priest-ridden peasants wot cut cows' tails orf an' shoot from be'ind 'edges an' walls. You'll 'ave to 'ave a firm 'and with them, Sir Nevil. I tell yer there's one thing wot 'as spoilt the Irish, and that is the United States, wot 'ave incouraged 'em to resist authority. If communication between Ireland and America could be cut orf, the rebels would soon come to their sober senses. There ain't no earthly reason as *I* knows of w'y the Irish shouldn't live at peace with the English. England's worth more to Ireland than wot Ireland is to England. England could do without Ireland, but I'm blow'd if Ireland could do without us. . . .

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Wot's thet—*Stop me silly chatter?* Orl right, Sir Nevil, orl right. No offence, I'm shore. I like to 'ear you talk like thet. Tell me orf proper. *I* don't mind . . . *Finish me job, an' not so much gas?* Orl right, sir; orl right. You make me feel quite 'opeful. *You'll* manage the Irish orl right, sir, *I* kin see. Firmness—thet's wot they want. Not 'arshness, but firmness . . . *Will I keep silent?* Cert'n'y, sir. I was on'y sayin' . . . *Thet's wot you objec' to?* Sorry, I'm shore. If I've sed anythink wot's— . . . *Shurrup?* Did jew say 'shurrup' to me, sir? . . . Orl right, sir; orl right . . . *'Ave I finished?* Yessir; oh, yessir. . . Thank you, sir. Goo' mornin', sir! . . . Phew! ain't 'e a 'ott'un? 'E prop'ly put the wind up me! But, by gum, I reckon 'e's the right man for Ireland!

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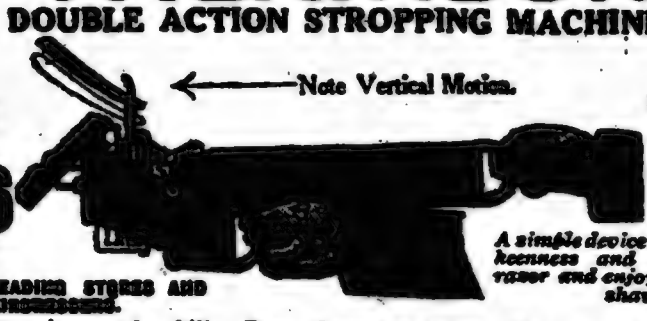

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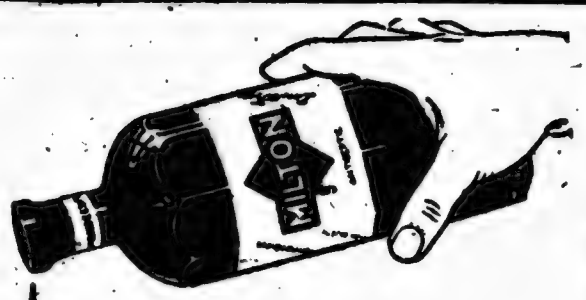

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JOHN BULL AT PLAY.

RACING, FOOTBALL, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

Sir Abe Bailey, though taken by surprise, on learning by cable of the scratching of his smart colt, Southern, from the Classics, is said to have acquiesced in the most sporting manner with the finding of the Jockey Club. That being so, there is nothing more to be said, though the mistake is as colossal a one as was ever made. It has robbed his owner of a chance of lifting the most coveted of all Turf prizes—the Derby.

Southern's trainer will now have to turn his attention to the less pretentious handicaps. In fact, the Gimcrack Stakes winner has already been entered for the Manchester Cup. Who can tell; in handicap company Southern may, after all, find his lot cast in pleasanter places. Albeit we have always had a high appreciation of Southern's racing merit.

The best two-year-old to carry silk to date is without any question Napolyon, and the next outing of Mr. Sol Joel's colt will in all probability be in the Wood Ditton Stakes at the Newmarket Craven meeting. There is no estimating the relative merits of the two colts, but it is within the range of possibility that Tatiana's half-brother is a better colt than Lacrosse was at his age. Parenthetically, the latter three-year-old has grown up into a very commanding and attractive-looking colt, of whom great things are expected this season. His trainer is delighted with the advancement he has made in appearance and style of galloping since last year.

One of the best four-year-olds in Barling's stable is The Midshipmite, though Lord Glanely's stylish colt may not be seen quite at his best before the middle of next month.

A question now agitating the minds of many is, will history repeat itself and Furious follow in the footsteps of Royal Bucks and win the City and Suburban as well as the Lincolnshire Handicap? His trainer makes no secret of what he thinks is the horse's ability to carry off the double—with this proviso, that the going at Epsom is no firmer than it was on the Carholme. We wonder what Barling thinks of Woodland's optimism with Scatwell, with his big pull in the weights, and Dominion—placed in the Derby—both engaged?

A sprinter who should be making his presence very much felt shortly is Western Wave, who is weighted to hold a chance second to none for the Chieveley Handicap at Newbury this week. That is, taking him on his best three-year-old form.

Rizzio will probably win the Newbury Spring Cup—unless, of course, it is decided to have him trained expressly for the City and Suburban.

The April number of that old-established and excellent publication, *McCall's Racing Chronicle*, is now ready, and every sportsman should secure a copy. In the event of his experiencing any difficulty in doing so he should communicate direct with the new publishers, Messrs. Odhams Limited, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. "McCall's" is an easy first amongst all the racing guides.

BOXING.

If the four middle-weights who figured in last week's programme at the National Sporting Club are the best that can be run for championship honours, it reveals the plain unvarnished fact that we haven't a class man at 160 lbs. Jerry Shea and Johnny Bee, who each aspires to become a title holder, did not show any form to justify their aspirations, while the contest betwen Tom Gunner and Jim Sullivan for the title was little better. When we pause to compare either of the four with the late Tom Thomas, we think furiously of days a decade ago, when we had "real champions." Gunner won the contest and the Lonsdale Belt, but he is no champion.

It was a poor, uninteresting contest, with hardly a clean hit, and was aptly described by a knowledgeable old veteran, who remarked, "If old Pat O'Keefe was in the ring instead of in Sullivan's corner, he would have whipped the pair of 'em." But we have a real champion in Kid Lewis, and if he should meet either Gunner or Sullivan he will beat them just as easily as he did Shea and Bee.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

WARWICK—WEDNESDAY.
Short's Welter—*PARELLA.
Blacklow Handicap—SKAGER RACK.

WARWICK—THURSDAY.
Leamington Handicap—*TINSPEAR.
Milverton Welter—PRINCESS STEPHANIE.

CATTERICK BRIDGE—THURSDAY.
New Stand Handicap—*D'AMADE.
Catterick Welter—FRONTIER.
North Riding Welter—NANNACUS.

CATTERICK BRIDGE—FRIDAY.
Grove Handicap—JABBOK.
Brough Handicap—*PHANTOM BOLD.

NEWBURY—FRIDAY.
Compton Handicap—KING'S PLEASURE.
Chieveley Handicap—*WESTERN WAVE.

NEWBURY—SATURDAY.
Thatcham Long Distance Handicap—SOUTH PARADE.
Spring Cup—RIZZIO.
Wilts Plate—PREVOYANT.

ATHLETICS.

Young France, having shown us the way in the National Cross Country Championship, is to make a bid for the A.A.A. 10-miles championship on the 10th inst. We hear that M. Bourdousche, who is coming over from Boulogne, will require some watching.

Whilst W. Hehir is expected to retain the 7-miles walking championship, O. S. Dowson, who was second last year, is reported to be in fine trim for his effort to turn the tables. E. C. Horton is also among the competitors, but this is hardly his distance.

FOOTBALL.

Much as we admire the plucky Huddersfield Town, it looks long odds on Aston Villa setting up a record by winning the F.A. Cup for the sixth time. At present they equal the five Cup triumphs of Blackburn Rovers and the Wanderers.

Despite their temporary lapse against the 'Spurs, there is an appealing "class" about the Villa team, accentuated by Weston's reappearance at full back. Moreover, it was not generally recorded in regard to the 'Spurs match that the Villa half-backs were clever enough to divert the Londoners' forwards from their usual methods, thus having them in excitable mood.

Whilst in many Cup finals the bustling and less-polished team has upset the calculations of the "scientists," our confidence in the Villa is enhanced by their capacity to play both types of games. Furthermore, they experienced the luck that begets confidence, and a lesson that stiffened them up when it was most needed.

Not so long ago the Villa were at the bottom of the League, and Huddersfield were threatened with extinction. Such are the fascinations and fluctuations of sport, that it then appeared a million to one against these clubs meeting in the Final tie!

Those of our readers who can get to the Clapton Orient ground—and in these days that applies certainly to all Londoners—should not fail to witness the match on the 15th between a team composed of the N.F.D.S.S. and "Comrades," and the Orient. The proceeds will provide free beds and wards at convalescent homes for Hackney ex-Service men. Mr. Bottomley will kick off at six p.m.

LAWN TENNIS.

Australasia has refused the entries of France and Canada for the Davis Cup, as the challenging cables arrived too late, and thus contravened the regulations. The control of the Davis Cup should eventually pass to the International Federation in order that such unfortunate complications could be avoided. A better method of entry—to a responsible official—could be devised. Rather than intending competitors should be "left" it would be expedient to send out in due time a reminder as to entries.

"IF YOU SEE IT," etc.

Despite the wobbling of many of the riverside experts, we never swerved from our allegiance to Cambridge for the Boat-race, and our "tips" for the Football Cup semi-finals, Aston Villa and Huddersfield, were equally successful, whilst we also predicted Ireland's first triumph over England since 1904 in the Hockey International. As for the nonsense written about the Dempsey and Carpentier fight, we brushed it all aside and stood by Charlie Cochran from the start. Months ago we gave the Villa for the Cup and also Willie Smith for the Billiards Championship, so we may yet complete a brilliant sequence of JOHN BULL prognostications.

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(3) Your solutions to the pieces, placed in order of merit, must be written in ink on one side of a sheet of paper, together with your name and address. Then forward your attempt with a Postal Order for 6d. to:—The Competition Manager, 2, St. Mary Abbotts Place, Kensington, W.8, to whom the Postal Orders must be made payable, crossed "& Co.," and have the name and address of the competitor written on the back. Do not send cheques. You may send as many attempts as you like, but each attempt must be accompanied by a Postal Order to the value of Sixpence for each attempt.

(4) The First Prize of £200 will be awarded to the competitor from whom the promoters receive a correct list of solutions under the conditions of the competition. The remaining prizes (amounting to £300) will be awarded at the Judge's discretion, to those coming next in correctness. The Judge's decision must be accepted as final. In the event of a tie, the first prize will be awarded to the competitor who, having correctly solved the names of all the advertisers, places them in the correct order (or most nearly correct order) of merit. Should two or more competitors do this, the prizes will be divided.

(5) No responsibility will be accepted for any coupon lost, delayed, or misaid. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt.

(6) No correspondence can be entered into in connection with this competition. All solutions must reach this office by first post on or before Saturday, April 24th, 1920. The results of this competition will be announced in the "Daily Mail," Saturday, May 15th.

(7) Mr. G. du Maurier, the well-known actor, has consented to act as judge.

The St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind will receive 50 per cent. of the Gross Receipts.

"TOMMY AND JACK."

Dealing also with the Discharged Sailor and Soldier and their Dependents.

OUR PLEDGE.—"No case of hardship or injustice, no instance of beggarly treatment or mean cheese-paring, shall go unchallenged or unremedied."—*Horatio Bottomley*, 19th August, 1916.

"TOMMY."

Free Again:—The Class Z Reserve has been abolished, conscription is as dead as a brick. Though at the Great Call we sacrificed it, we can now all cry: Long live liberty!

The "Conchies":—One paper tells us with much circumstance that the conscienceless cowards are to get pensions. A storm of protest swept over the country as a result, and next day another paper told us that no such pensions are to be granted. Which is right?

The Soldier's "Clobber":—Our soldiers fought and died in the universal khaki. What better clothing do we want for our Army? It is intensely honourable and worthy of honour. It is the colour of our Empire. We want no more of the tricking up of our men like over-dressed cooks and ladies' maids of the West End, with blanco, ochre, and spittle and polish.

Plain, Please!—We have declared for a people's army, and we cannot have it if the young, brainy, middle-class officer is compelled to pay the ransom of a West End pawnbroker to purchase his first set of uniform. Dress the Guards' Brigade in the old kit if you like, but leave the line alone! Anyhow, the taxpayer should surely be considered.

Poor Boys—Poor Comfort:—The chaps in Syria, Mesopotamia, the Holy Land, and all other parts where Americans tour so that they may let off hot air when they return home, complain about their retention in those cinder-heaps, and ask when they will be relieved. Our only answer, received through the War Department, is that their detention is very necessary owing to "the potentialities of the position." Carry on, boys!

"JACK."

Carry On!—No further free discharges from the Navy are to be made after those already authorised are exhausted; but discharges by purchase to a very limited extent will be granted from 1st July next. The Admiralty Order lays down that specially urgent cases for discharge on compassionate grounds may continue to be submitted.

More Salvage Money:—Awards of salvage money are now ready for distribution to the crews of H.M. trawler *Lysander II.*, H.M. tugs *Zaree*, *Joseph Constantine*, and *Ictor*, H.M. trawler *Sansom*, and a dockyard working party. The awards are due for the salving of the motor vessel *Vastmar* and the s.s. *Daphne* respectively, and have been well earned.

Prize Money:—When will our Bluejackets get *their* dues? Very many of them continue to ask when they may expect their prize money. The official answer is "in the early Spring," and according to the almanac that season is already here. Wherefor, in the word of the hardy mariner, "Hold on!"

Our Daily Thanks.

From H.M., Leicester.

I have to-day received a communication from the Ministry of Pensions, Burton Court, with reference to the matter concerning my pension, which had been delayed. I am very pleased to inform you that the arrears have been settled up, and as a fresh "life" certificate has been sent on, I am hoping to continue drawing again, without any interruption. I thank you most sincerely for your prompt action; otherwise it is most likely I would still have been waiting for a reply.

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Who Has a Claim?:—The Rev. G. Smissen, M.C., of 45, Howlitt Road, N.W., tells us that he has boxing medals won in a tournament in 1917. They were due to the 16th Cheshires and the 14th Gloucesters—and were awarded to Sergeant N. Leech, middle-weight; Private W. G. Price, feather-weight; and Private W. Purgavil, runner-up welter-weight. If the winners are still alive, they should claim at above address. If they have unfortunately gone down, their next-of-kin may apply.

Women Over All:—There are 1,600 women employed in the Awards Branch alone of the Ministry of Pensions. There are legions of ex-soldiers in London, trained to clerical work, looking for employment. There are also about 20,250 women employed by the Post Office in a temporary capacity, most of them working for pin-money and the means whorewith to dress themselves up in big hats, furs, short skirts, high-heeled shoes, silk stockings, and the rest of the "vanities," while skilled men who risked their lives for us are begging for work to support themselves, their wives, and their little kiddies.

Poor Loyal Irishmen!—There are those who untruthfully say that the Irish did nothing in the Great War. They forget the Irish Division of Volunteer soldiers who landed on that Peninsula at the Dardanelles—and were cut to pieces; the huge crowd of men of Irish descent who joined in Lancashire, London and all over the Kingdom, and the enormous number of their cousins who came over from America to checkmate the Hun. The most pathetic figure at the moment is the native of Ireland who fought for us, and was lucky or unlucky enough to return home. In his own country he is often enough ruthlessly boycotted for his patriotism, and cannot find employment—40,000 in Dublin alone looking vainly for work.

"The Greatest of These—"

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following:—

A Girl's Grief:—The young wife of an ex-soldier in a mental hospital, has a pension of 27s. a week. One of her little ones was dead; the other was seriously ill.

Without a Home:—A girl who was dismissed from her situation without cause shown entered a lodging house, and could not pay her way. She was unable to obtain another job, and was threatened with eviction and seizure of her meagre goods. Our timely help averted a very grave peril.

The Old, Old Story:—Through our readers' help we during the week sent comforts to homes where little arrivals were being expected, and buried the dead who were in danger of paupers' funerals.

Starving on His Pension:—An ex-Tommy cannot follow his old employment owing to his injuries. His pension is 15s. a week, and the poor chap was in great distress.

A Stricken Home:—A family of six, including four children of tender years, is suffering through the father having been ill for six weeks. All they had to "live" on was an allowance of 15s. a week.

How the Poor Exist!—Here is the sad and sorry case of a woman with seven children. Her husband can find only casual employment; the real wage earner is a boy who gets 10s. weekly, and the head of the family is four months in debt to the landlord. We helped at once.

We Came Along Here, Too:—An aged man was about to be discharged from the infirmary and a kind-hearted man offered him work. He asked us for his first week's keep, and we sent him something more to carry on with.

A DESOLATE HOME.

(A case typical of the many of distress and hardship which have been relieved by our Fund during the week.)

The call of the Great Reaper is sometimes sudden and unexpected, and a little help towards the payment of funeral expenses is the sad boon often demanded from our "Greatest of These" Fund. But not always is the tragedy so complete as in the case of a poor family in Gloucestershire, mourning the death of an eldest son. "He was such a good lad," writes the poor mother in her sorrow and anxiety, "and it is very hard to bear, as there are six other children not earning anything." It appears that the dead son was the main support of the family, the father having been out of employment for 16 months, incapacitated by heart disease. With this invalid to nurse and the younger children to tend, the mother's hands are full, and the up-keep of the home, with such assistance as can be had from "the Parish," now devolves upon the second boy; but, as we write, we learn that he too has succumbed to the malign Fate that seems to dog the footsteps of the family, having been certified by the doctors as suffering from the same malady as has disabled his father from active work. With incurable optimism, the mother seems to think that if only a little temporary assistance is forthcoming, she may be able to "turn the corner" and find a way out of difficulties that would appal the stoutest heart. If courage and character count for anything, her hopes should be realised. Seldom have we experienced greater satisfaction in disbursing a grant from our Fund, sadly in need as it is of replenishment if the good work is to continue.

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) the dependents of our Soldiers and Sailors, and (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? We gladly defray all expenses of administration.]

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By Our City Editor.

All correspondence relating to financial matters should be addressed to the City Editor.

Each enquiry must bear name and address and be accompanied by a Postal Order for One Shilling.

Defunct!

It is generally understood that the Committee on War Wealth came to the conclusion that such a levy was impracticable, so it is going after another mare's-nest. That is a pity, because the sittings of the Committee in public have done incalculable harm. In the past month there has been a tremendous shrinkage in the value of Stock Exchange securities, and Government stocks have fallen about 5 per cent. Most of this loss is directly traceable to the proposed levy, and there was a smart rally on the report that it had been shelved.

Floating Debt.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, however, rather late in the day, has begun to worry seriously about the floating debt, and insists that the Committee should find some means of reducing it. There are two ways of doing so—first to cut down the wasteful and useless expenditure that is going on in many Government Departments, and next to issue a popular loan of the Premium Bond type. The lists might be kept open indefinitely, but of course the bonds would have to be divided into series. If the Committee were instructed to work out the details of an attractive scheme on these lines it might do some good; fantastic measures of taxation are foredoomed to failure.

Roumanian Coy.'s Victory.

The Crown has had an exceptional number of rebuffs recently. The Roumanian Consolidated Oil Company is the latest to lower the flag of the Law Officers. It claimed £1,255,000 for damage to its property caused by the representative of the British Government during the war, and it was established that this representative promised the Company full compensation. No doubt the work was undertaken for the benefit of the Roumanian Government and probably the latter ought to pay (if it could), but there is no getting away from the fact that it was an agent of the British Government who ordered and superintended the operations. There was no sense in disputing liability.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THRIFT.

In what seems the dim and distant past, when Government credit was ruled by "the sweet simplicity of 3 per cent.," the Post Office Savings Bank was established as a semi-philanthropic institution for the encouragement of thrift. The country did not want the use of the money which would be deposited—not at first, anyhow—and strait-laced financiers regarded it as a terrible extravagance to allow the depositors interest at the rate of 6d. a year on every complete £ paid in, because there would not be sufficient margin to cover working expenses. And so the privilege of lending money to the State in small amounts was hedged round with all sorts of red-tape entanglements. Except that we know the slow working of the official mind, it would be scarcely conceivable that these antiquated regulations persist to the present day. The compulsory conversion of excess balances into Consols was a particularly unfortunate device. Quite a lot of money was used to buy 2½ per cent. stock at prices ranging from 100 up to 114, and shortly afterwards the price began to fall, with the result that depositors saw their capital gradually shrinking and ultimately cut down to less than half. Many of them cannot be persuaded to this day that they were not deliberately robbed by the Government, and it would probably astonish the Postmaster-General to know how widespread this feeling is and to what extent it has militated against subscriptions to War Loans. Now the Exchequer wants every shilling of the people's money it can get; very belatedly—but better late than never—it is proposed to remove the limit on Savings Bank deposits and to allow interest at a rate to be fixed by the Treasury "not less than 2¾ per cent." Why such a clumsy figure as 2¾ per cent. if it is really desired to make the Post Office facilities more attractive? However, it is a step in the right direction, although there is perhaps an idea at the back of the official mind that it may avoid the necessity of issuing Premium Bonds. They will have to come, all the same.

Rio Tinto.

Things have not been going well recently with this famous Spanish copper property. Increased cost of fuel and materials, higher wages, an adverse exchange and shortage of shipping facilities have made a sad inroad on the Company's profits. Last year they amounted to £1,180,000, or £400,000 less than in 1918, and the dividend has had to be reduced from 50s. to 40s., while the carry forward is about £200,000 smaller. However, the price of copper is likely to remain high for a long time, and the Company can look forward with every confidence to the future. For a good many years the Ordinary shares have been receiving from 50 to 90 per cent. Not bad!

Overdone Issues.

Last month over £70,000,000 of fresh capital was offered for subscription, and in the past quarter the new issues have exceeded those of the corresponding period by more than 100 millions. For a time they met with remarkable success, but recently there have been signs that investors are "fed up," and a large number of the shares which have attained a Stock Exchange quotation stand at a discount. A notable instance is provided by Crosses and Winkworths, in which blocks of three Ordinary 1s. shares and one Preference £1 share were offered at 33s. When dealings started the Ordinary were quoted at 2s. 6d., and the Preference at 17s. 6d., equivalent to 25s. for each block. Inside support has since put prices better, but the original buyers are still faced with a heavy loss. The amount of capital available for industrial investment is, it need hardly be said, not unlimited.

Mappin and Webb.

This old-established concern had another fine record to place before its shareholders last Wednesday, the net profits for the year 1919 being nearly £90,000. The dividend distribution on the Ordinary shares seems to me to be on conservative lines, and the Company is undoubtedly in a strong financial position.

OUR FINANCIAL LETTER BAG.

EDITORIAL REPLIES.

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C. S. (Bassingham).—*Local Loans:* All gilt-edged securities move more or less on parallel lines and you would gain little by exchanging. If you decide to sell you must do so through a bank or broker.——Mayfield (Aberdeen).—*Eastern Sumatra:* Prospects are fair and you should hold. I do not know when a dividend may be expected. *World's Auxiliary Insurance:* There is scope for profitable business, so I think it would be right to buy. Of course, there is always a risk with new ventures.——S. L. K. (Radlett).—Only a wizard could tell you how to make a "good profit" in one or two months. *Congo Bonds* are not quoted here. *Lloyds Bank, Mann and Cook* and *Cook Son and Co.*, are all good.——R. B. (Chiswick). *Aerated Bread:* The company has been doing very well recently and is about to issue bonus shares. I suppose you mean the *Goldsmith and Silversmiths' Company.* It has a fine business, but profits are very erratic. It has done better in the last year or two.——A. B. (Eastbourne).—As a trustee, you would be wise to confine yourself to Trustee Stocks. *West Australian* is cheap, but I should have some *Funding Loan* or *Victory Bonds* or other *War Loans* as well—say £2,000 in each.——J. L. (Chester).—*Harper Bean:* This company is one of the best. The par. referred to was of general application, but the industry has been suffering recently from lack of material, high costs, etc., and prospects are not so rosy as they appeared a few months ago.——A. R. C. (Salop).—*French Bonds:* You can sell through a bank or a broker. Hold if you can—the present price, owing to the adverse exchange, is only about 50.——W. C. P. (Bristol).—*Pecos Valley:* It would simply be a case of throwing good money after bad, as the additional capital suggested is not sufficient to do work of any practical value.——C. F. G. (Cardiff).—*Tarapaca Nitrate:* There is a good chance of the market improving, although not in the immediate future.——S. L. K. (Tufnell Park).—*Argentine Tobacco:* The present price is about 6s., so you have a handsome profit if you care to take it. That is a point for you to decide.——N. G. (Hounslow).—*Charing Cross Bank:* The prospects of getting anything back are extremely doubtful.——G. G. (Nottingham).—*United Realisation:* I am afraid you can do nothing but wait, although the outlook seems rather hopeless. The shares are valueless.——F. D. (Shepherdswell).—*Harper Beans:* Fair industrial investment, with good prospects. *United Rubber Products* should be left alone, and I do not recommend dealings with the firm mentioned.——J. O. (Markinch).—*Tebing Rubber:* Very doubtful. *French Loan* is an attractive investment. The exchange is bound to improve, but it will take a long time. I do not recommend dealings with the firm you mention.——P. A. (Bingley).—*British Motor Spirit and United Strip and Bar Mills* are good speculative industrials, with fair prospects.——Doubtful (Limerick).—*Broken Hill:* Take your profit, and I think the exchange suggested would be prudent.——Land Stock (Enniskillen).—*Guaranteed 2½ per Cent.:* The Government has the option to redeem. It is not under obligation to do so, and there is no chance of the option being exercised in the near future.——L. P. (Herne Hill).—*Wenlock Preference:* Good chance of capital appreciation. I should not, however, put all my eggs in one basket; better have some Government stock as well.——M. A. K. (Belfast).—*A. and S. Henry:* The company has been very successful, and the new shares are certain to go to a substantial premium. They are not yet quoted.——E. B. (Marylebone Road).—*Trustee:* I am afraid the suggested railway "trust" would not suit you. You must confine yourself to "trustee" securities—Government, Colonial and Corporation stock, railway debentures and the like. You can now get 6 per cent. on this class of security.——A. H. B. (Hove).—The full title is *Credit National pour les Regions Envahies.* Most Paris papers publish the numbers of the bonds drawn.——H. E. B. (Leicester).—*Black Sea Amalgamation:* The company has some good properties and is well managed. It is impossible to forecast what may happen in Russia, but I do not think there is much risk of the company being wound up; in fact, the prospects are that work will be resumed before very long.

(A considerable number of replies are held over for lack of space, but every endeavour is being made to answer them promptly by post.)

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"FRENCHMAN."—"The latest events in Berlin prove that you were right." That's so, and you're a sport to mention it.

W. D. M. (Gosport).—So you think "Business Section" would be better than "Independent Party" as the title of our new group in the House of Commons. We must think it over.

MRS. F. S. R. (South Nutfield).—Personally, we shall welcome the entry into Parliament of women who are "Commoners" and British-born citizens, without too closely scrutinising their Party complexion.

C. O'L. (Powis Square, W.).—We were not aware that Mr. Lloyd George had "abdicated." Are you sure you were empowered to tell people?

A. M. (Nottingham).—The whole subject of industrial and reformatory school sentences on children of tender years is engaging our close attention.

H. P. (Limpsfield).—The sickening farce of permitting the Huns to try their own war criminals is a leading count in our indictment of the Coalition.

F. F. (Huntingdon).—It is evident that you misunderstood the whole purport of our article on the Rent Restriction Acts, if indeed you ever read it all. Do try to be fair.

"LOOK-OUTS" (H.M.S. *Ceres*).—Agreed that from the outset of the war we said, "Watch Russia!" and if you haven't yet seen anything you had better sprint to an oculist.

R. E. P. (United States).—Thanks for catalogue of reasons why Britishers are unpopular in America. Would it be agreeable if we all hanged ourselves?

C. W. (Hammersmith) thinks that "the poor single man, having done his bit in winning the war, is now through the new Income Tax proposals to bear the lion's share in footing the bill." Think again, C. W.

W. O. F. (Chicago).—"Why can't we eliminate the discord and ill-feeling between the two greatest nations in the world?" Why can't the Yankees honour the bond of their President in the Peace Treaty?

"UBIQUE" (Plymouth).—Your suggestion that Constantinople be administered by one of our loyal Indian princes and garrisoned by Indian troops (co-religionists of the Turk) under the League of Nations, has a great deal to be said for it.

"PAL" (Manchester).—In the House and out of it you can rely on our support towards the removal of the barrier which prevents a widow marrying her dead husband's brother. We link arms with Lady Astor there, but break off the engagement on the Prohibition point.

"ESTHER" (Bromsgrove) can't understand why M.P.s. "put up with Ministerial conceit and arrogance." In the House of Commons modesty is born to blush unseen and waste its sweetness on the desert air.

E. T. K. (Orlando, Florida).—"Mr. Bell (the U.S. Press correspondent in London) denies that the Americans say they won the war, but I am on the spot, and I have it dinned into my ears nearly every day." Mr. Bell should become a dumbbell.

T. B. (Pool).—You are quite correct—the cost of food advanced some time before a general rise in wages took place. That is life all over—just one damned thing after another.

MRS. D. (Haddock).—"My word, you *are* putting the wind up some of them at St. Stephen's. Good luck to every candidate of yours." On behalf of self and partners, we bow.

W. B. (Custom House).—Yours is the coward's plea. There is no extremity that justifies the semi-murder of an unoffending and perhaps helpless stranger for gain. We say again, give 'em the cat!

M. (Brighton).—Thanks for your opinion, "as a law-student," on vexed marriage questions. Shall hope to hear from you later as Lord Chancellor.

W. H. P. (Herne Hill).—Your proposal for adding fresh storeys to existing houses, instead of building new ones, should be conveyed in writing to the Ministry of Health.

W. P. H. (High Wycombe).—"What is a shilling a day pension in these times?" In your case, a heartless insult to a gallant old soldier.

"SYMPATHY" (Salop).—On a purely medical question we prefer to pass no opinion, except to remind you that the Salvarsan treatment is now practically universal.

H. B. (Cheshire).—"Example of cheek and meanness" on the part of local nurseryman duly to hand. For ready reference it has been filed with other beautiful specimens.

"INDIGNANT" (Leamington).—If 56s. weekly is the flat-rate of wages for War Pension clerks, it is in our judgment much too low.

G. E. B. (Stoke Newington).—You appear to have been shabbily treated by the Board of Trade, but that is no unusual occurrence.

W. T. (Newcastle-on-Tyne).—"The River Tyne Police have not yet received one penny of the new scale of pay." High time they had tuppence, at the least.

HUGH CLEMENTS (Wimbledon).—Thanks for offer to instruct us "how the weather in our particular district may be correctly predicted for any length of time." We prefer to take things as they come, even the worst.

PTE. S. (Cologne).—After his revolution fiasco with Kapp, Ludendorff should change his name. Deludendorff is what it ought to be.

D. C. W. (Stockwell).—Have already given Telkamp, the alleged Dutch bulb grower, a shaking up re the Leipsig (Hun) postmark on his circulars sent to this country.

G. (Wallasey).—Other nations do encourage artistic talent in their young subjects, such as in sending budding geniuses to Rome to study painting at the cost of the State. But we English, on the whole, distrust and belittle native talent.

"BULLETIN" (Rotherhithe).—"Will some of the shareholders in a few of the Australian Banks in the City look up their messengers' wages?" Perhaps if they do the directors may be persuaded to give the unhappy men concerned sufficient to keep their families as bright as their silk hats and brass buttons have to be.

H. W. (Bristol).—We should like the names of the Bristol firms who refuse work to ex-Service men, and take on girls because they are cheaper. And if the girl conductors really did throw sand in the faces of the processioning ex-soldiers, they deserve to be well spanked.

C. C. (Gravesend).—"Our municipal affairs are in a sad state." Too much in harmony with the name of your town, eh?

T. W. P. (Canterbury).—We are in favour of increasing old asylumn attendants' pensions, because of the increased cost of living, not because they have spent years with the mad. We all have to do that, more or less.

D. V. WILSON (British Columbia) wants to see a much larger circulation of the "inspiring JOHN BULL" in that Province. We are willing to take on a hundred thousand postal subscribers from there.

H. W. (Marylebone).—Between the employers and your Union you seem to have slid slick into the soup. Any papers to show?

MRS. E. R. (Dublin).—Thanks, dear lady, for your kindly sentiments in prose and rhyme. Would we possessed the poetic gift to make suitable reply.

H. (Southend).—It was a rotten experience to sell your overcoat for 35s. and see it marked up next day at 65s. No one could have blamed you if you had sworn softly to yourself.

B. W. (Norfolk).—"May the stars kiss you." Thanks; but if you employ the term in the theatrical sense, you will, perhaps, allow us the privilege of selection.

S. P. (Oxford).—You send us prose and send us verses, and *we* can't tell you which the worse is.

G. J. (Griffithstown).—Although we vastly prefer to hear a girl's sweet voice murmur "Tickets, please," rather than a masculine gruff "All tickets!" we yet consider it high time that the temporary female collectors on the railways made way for disabled ex-Service men.

W. C. (Brechin).—"Put this question to the Government in all its ugliness." By all means, although we believe some Ministers consider themselves quite handsome.

"A CONSTANT READER" (Melvick).—The numerous Scottish local authorities who have refused to adopt the Desborough scale of police pay will have to be brought to heel. Where is our whip?

P. D. (Birmingham).—"I looked at him when he told me the men (Tutbury R.D.C. roadmen) only got 28s. a week." But it wasn't *his* fault, was it?

J. McL. (Portobello).—"What was the greatest height reached by the shells of the big gun which shelled Paris?" Can't say. We were not up there at the time.

"DICKY SAM" (London).—"Is it true the King intends to decorate his Ministers with a medal for muddling?" His Majesty has not informed us.

"REGULAR READER" (Swansea).—"I have only one wish, that we had *more men like you.*" Greedy!

A. P. (Brighton) tells us that his Rudge Whitworth bicycle (No. 732177), bought out of his gratuity, was stolen while he was at work, and he thinks if the person who took it "was a true Englishman he would return it carriage forward." If he will send it to us, we'll forward it with pleasure.

S. H. S. (London, N.W.).—"Thank God, I am a bachelor, and have no relations to consider." Shush! else you'll have some of those alleged two or three million surplus women on your trail, although you confess to 46.

"OBSERVER."—Gallipoli appears to be a synonym for all that's direful, and that may account for the condition of the graves of the fallen out there.

W. G. (Gloucester) says he "will obtain a JOHN BULL next week" if we will send a "sharp letter" in large print, headed "The Gloucester Man of Scandal," to a local hosier for selling and refusing to change a pair of 10s. 6d. gloves which "split down." Nothing doing.

"LANDLORD" (Bradford).—"Many landlords, the most thrifty of the working-class, are very badly hit by the Rent Restrictions Act." True, but more tenants would be badly hit except for it.

"READER" (Sydney).—Thanks for cutting from the *Bulletin* announcing that we "cater for a class of Tommy who hates the Aussies like poison." The writer of the article apparently caters for lunatics he loves like a brother.

F. S. (London, N.W.).—Sorry if we trod on your pedal-callosities when urging the use of British perfumes rather than Hun-made eau-de-Cologne. But to our mind it is even more important to support home industries than to extract an indemnity from Germany.

"A RESIDENT" (Portheawl).—A man may object to living in a working-class neighbourhood without necessarily being a snob. He may prefer to keep a distance between himself and his relations.

R. B. H. (Liverpool).—"I have heard them hissing the British flag at Leon's Picture House, Brooklyn." And you, being a true Briton, felt tempted to make the hissers see stars and feel stripes, what?

P. B. (St. Luke's).—Our opinion of Rankin's Publicity Service, High Holborn, W.C., is the worst possible. We have exposed them many a time and oft.

L. P. H. (Liscard).—It is to-day as when "Reynard the Fox" was written centuries ago—"For small thieves are hanged out of hand, Whilst wholesale robbers rule the land."

J. H. MAY (Stockton-on-T.), "the man who fought Jack Johnson," offers to fight the winner of the Carpentier-Dempsey encounter. J. H. may.

J. J. (Bristol), in reply to A. R. Gardner, says £19 19s. 11½d. x £19 19s. 11½d. gives the answer £399 19s. 2 1-3840d. Wrong; there is no answer, as it is possible to multiply money only by a number—not by another sum of money.

J. W. P. (Fulham).—If it had been contended that children *were* animals, there would have been no object in speaking of "Cruelty to children *and* animals." So you score a duck.

"READER" (Ipswich).—You appear to have been very badly treated by the Food Ministry in your application for employment. Some of these officials ought to be fired and blistered.

W. E. Y. (Harriotsham).—Sorry to hear of your difficulties in getting a field for cricket. What was the landowner's excuse for refusing this simple boon to a Club of ex-Service men?

W. B. (West Croydon).—Put shortly, your complaint comes to this: that you ignored our repeated warnings against watch and clock ramps, and have paid the inevitable penalty.

"NURSE" (Malvern).—Afraid no space for special article on "Nurses as they really are." Presumably they are much like others of their charming sex, except for the uniform.

A. E. M. (Melbourne).—"Don't laugh at me." Why should we? On the contrary, your letter has set us thinking.

C. O. L. (London).—"I can assure you that there are more unwanted legitimate than illegitimate children." Thanks for assuring us.

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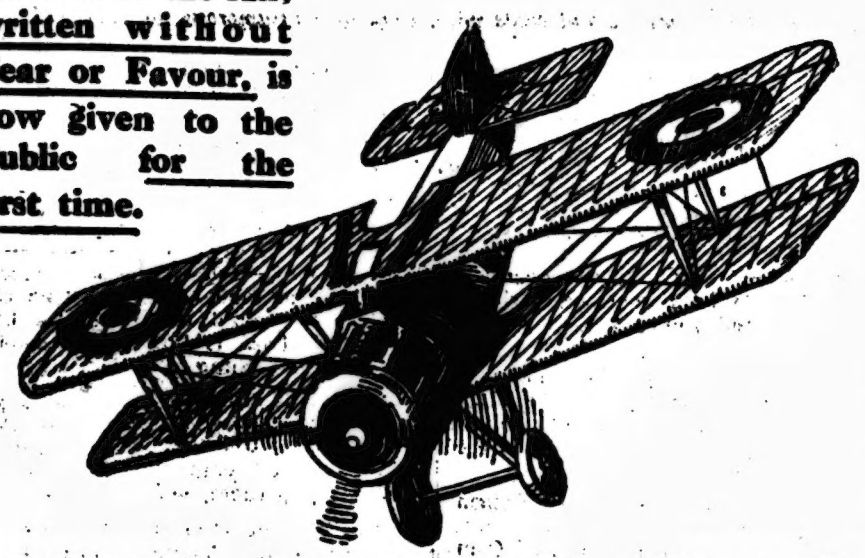

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Please send me, free of charge, your Free Coloured Illustrated Booklet of "The Great War in the Air," with particulars as to terms of purchase.

Name.....
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Address.....

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HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Thirty-two examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you: Example:—Fair Fight. Bullet:—For Seat in Parliament. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. If more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent. Result of this Competition will be found in our issue dated May 1st.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 371.

ALL FOR LOVE	WE WONDER WHY	LOOKING FOR CHAMPION	RUDE ANSWER
WINNING THE FIGHT	GIVING HER BEST	FOOTBALL REFEREE	BEYOND BELIEF
ONE OF THE BEST	TWINS	PERMANENT OFFICIALS	HOME RULE
OUR BOY	A GOOD DOUBLE	GETTING INTO STRIDE	BOTTOMLEY'S TIP
SLACKING	ALL THERE	STOCKPORT'S VERDICT	FULL OF TRICKS
NEVER PAYS	MY BEST GIRL	KNOCKED ON THE HEAD	HOW TO AVOID STRIKES
GETTING READY	ENEMY AT HOME	BACKING WRONG HORSE	THE FLAT SEASON
HER REFUSAL	OVERCROWDED	WHERE BRITAIN LEADS	GOING BEGGING

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 15th.
Example_____
Bullet
Example_____
Bullet
(371) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 1 coupon is used P.O. for 6d. must be sent.
Signed_____
Address_____

☞ IF UNABLE TO SECURE EXTRA COUPONS YOU MAY WRITE YOUR "BULLETS" ON PLAIN PAPER.

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 15th.
Example_____
Bullet
Example_____
Bullet
(371) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 2 coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.
Signed_____
Address_____

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS" No. 371 "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 15th.
Example_____
Bullet
Example_____
Bullet
(371) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 3 coupons are used P.O. for 1/6 must be sent.
Signed_____
Address_____

No.____ Closing Date, Thursday, April 15th.
Example_____
Bullet
Example_____
Bullet
(371) P.O. No._____
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
If 4 coupons are used P.O. for 2/- must be sent.
Signed_____
Address_____

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 372.

SAVING YES—AMERICAN FIGHTERS—ALL GONE—FEARING THE WORST—NOBLE DEEDS—FILLED WITH PRIDE—DREAMING—CAN'T GO WRONG—SOME DAY—HONEYMOON COUPLE—FULL HOUSE—RISING—HOW TO SETTLE IRELAND—CHANGED TIMES—WEARING WORRIED LOOK—WHO SAID THAT—JUST AS WELL—TIPPING THE WINNER—THERE'S MONEY IN IT.

These examples can be made use of on the coupons above, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, April 22nd.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **372** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 372, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition 371.

Result of 368th 'Bullets' Competition.

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mrs. P. J. LANGAN,
6, Palm Grove, Southport.
Example:—In The Clouds.
Bullet:—Watch Kaiser's Escape Isn't. (Sent in on a Free "Target" Prize Coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE OF £20:

Mr. S. CARTER, 4, Cecember Lane, Truro.
Example:—Public Spirit."
Bullet:—Profiteers Think It's "Non-Inflammable."

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:

Mr. P. H. SMITH, 68, Berkeley St., Liverpool.
Example:—Idling.
Bullet:—"Number Engaged."

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

Mr. Woodcock, 1, St. Augustine Rd., Southsea: Popular Win—Only Peace Spoilt It.
Mr. Phil Haig, c.o. W. Gamon and Son, Albany, Oldhall Street, Liverpool: The British Army—Didn't Boast—"They Won."
Mr. J. Johnson, 13, Beech Gr. Ter., Garforth: Without Reason—War Started—Then Stopped.
Mr. D. Cornock, 4, Victoria Pk., Weston-s-Mare: In The Clouds—Prospects The Church Offers.
Mr. A. E. Greenough, The Bakery, Ticehurst: How To Reduce Prices—Keep Wages "In Hand."
Mr. R. Farrington, 29, Stock Street, Burnley: How To Reduce Prices—Without Wages—Some Problem.
Mr. J. A. McBeth, Deanston Doune, Perthshire: Spring Cleaning—Commences With Labour's Slate.
Rev. W. Hogarth, Moneymore, Co. Derry: Unnecessary—Profiteers Think "Another Heaven."
Mr. F. Leverett, 10, Sydney St., Stretford, M/c: At It Again—Some Nations—Despite League.
Mr. J. Miller, 12, Amos Hill, Penygraig: Greedy—For Reform—Woman Voter.

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:

Mr. H. Stone, Carlton Rd, Colwyn Bay: Reaping The Benefit—Revenue—So Profiteering Unchecked.
Mr. Rodger, Royal Hotel, Innellan, Scotland: Safe As Houses—Of Parliament—No Recommendation.
Mr. M'Grath, 92, Richmond Rd., Southampton: While You Wait—"Wizard" Produces Another "Illusion."
Mr. Skelton, 28, Stephen St., Priory Taunton: Smoking Ends—In "Cane" At School.
Mr. W. Escott, Cumrae St., East Moors, Cardiff: Unnecessary—But Bargain Satisfies Woman.
Mr. Williams, 689, Washwood H'th Rd., B'ham: The British Army—Trampled "European Dirt" Underfoot.
Mr. S. A. Macmillan, 22, Meadowside, Dundee: Face and Fortune—Government Saves And Spends.
Mr. H. Stanley, 57, Chiswell Rd., Birmingham: Unnecessary—Bidding Government "Go Slow."
Mr. P. Couldry, 107, Brightfield Rd., S.E.12: Popular Win—Peace—Were Prices Better.
Mr. E. Blythe, Thornhill Lees, Dewsbury. Public Spirit—Hardly Strength to "Cheer."

BULLETS RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The right to divide a prize or prizes among two or more competitors is reserved.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, but each coupon must be accompanied by a postal order for 6d., made payable to John Bull and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned to their respective senders.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and properly situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To be Retained by Newsagent.

To .....Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice

Signed .....

Address .....

April 10, 1920

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to John Bull Insurance Dept. 32, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
John Bull Insurance Dept., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of John Bull with

.....Newsagent, of

.....

and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address .....

April 10, 1920. .....

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

TRY "PASSING SHOTS," THE COMPANION COMPETITION TO "BULLETS."

Judged with the same thoroughness, its attractive prize list will appeal to all "Bullets" competitors. This week's First Prize is £200.

FULL PARTICULARS AND COUPONS IN "THE PASSING SHOW." ON SALE EVERYWHERE. PRICE 2d.

Great Cup Final Competition

NO ENTRANCE FEE

£1,000 MUST BE WON

FOR CORRECT OR NEAREST CORRECT COUPON WITH RESULT & ATTENDANCE AT THE CUP FINAL TO BE PLAYED ON APRIL 24th

NO GOALS REQUIRED

This week we are offering the huge prize of £1,000, which **MUST BE WON**, in connection with the Cup Final between Aston Villa and Huddersfield. You are not required to give goal scores, only the result of the match and the correct or nearest correct forecast of the attendance. This is

THE MOST ATTRACTIVE FOOTBALL OFFER EVER MADE.

REMEMBER THERE IS NO ENTRANCE FEE, £1,000 MUST BE WON. A SKILFUL FORECAST MAY WIN YOU THIS PRIZE.

RESULT AND ATTENDANCE AT LAST TEN CUP FINALS.

		Attendance			Attendance
1909	Everton beat Newcastle U.	75,609	1911	Bradford C. drew with Newc. U.	69,098
1907	Sheffield W. beat Everton	84,584	1912	Barnsley drew with W.B.A.	54,434
1908	Wolves beat Newcastle U.	74,967	1913	Aston V. beat Sunderland	120,028
1909	Man. U. beat Bristol City	67,651	1914	Burnley beat Liverpool ...	72,778
1910	New. U. drew with Barnsley	76,980	1915	Sheffield U. beat Chelsea ...	49,457

The first nine matches were played at Crystal Palace, the last was played at Old Trafford.
The above results and figures are taken from the "Athletic News" Football Annual.

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

is to give the result of the Cup Final to be played at Stamford Bridge on April 24th between ASTON VILLA and HUDDERSFIELD, and the correct or nearest correct figures of attendance. **BEFORE FILLING IN YOUR COUPON MAKE A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE LAST TEN RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE AS GIVEN ABOVE.** The £1,000 prize will be awarded in accordance with the result and figures of attendance as officially supplied to "The National News," and published therein on Sunday, April 25th.

This Competition is run in conjunction with the "National News."

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issues of "JOHN BULL" and the "NATIONAL NEWS" announcing this competition. Coupons must be written in ink, and must be filled up in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £1,000 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct result and attendance at the Cup Final to be played on April 24th. If no competitor sends a coupon with both these forecasts correct, the £1,000 will be awarded to the sender of a coupon containing the correct result, and the most nearly correct forecast of the attendance. If for any reason full time be not played, the result up to half-time will be taken as the result of the match. The correct result will have priority of claim over figures of attendance. In the event of a tie the £1,000 prize will be equally divided. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,000.

(3) Any coupon which has marked upon it more than one cross or on which no cross is marked will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into, nor will interviews be granted. Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than Thursday, April 22nd will be disqualified.

(5) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out coupon neatly and address all entries as follows—"Football Competition, John Bull, 25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2." Write "Cup Final" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other competitions.

COMPETITORS CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE IN THE SAME ENVELOPE. SCOTTISH AND IRISH READERS MAY COMPETE.

"JOHN BULL" FREE CUP FINAL COUPON.

HOW TO FILL IN YOUR COUPON.

First make a careful study of the results and attendance at the last 10 Cup Finals, then, in one of the three spaces below, put an X in ink to indicate the result of the Cup Final and in the space headed "ATTENDANCE," write in ink the number you think will attend.

ONLY ONE X MUST APPEAR ON EACH COUPON.

Competitors can send as many coupons as they like in the same envelope.

HUDDERSFIELD v. ASTON VILLA.

TO BE PLAYED AT STAMFORD BRIDGE, APRIL 24th, 1920.

HUDDERSFIELD WIN	ASTON VILLA WIN	DRAW	HUDDERSFIELD v. ASTON VILLA ATTENDANCE

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

Signed .....

Address .....

CUP FINAL. .....

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Actual reproduction of the "John Bull" Pen (Standard Model)

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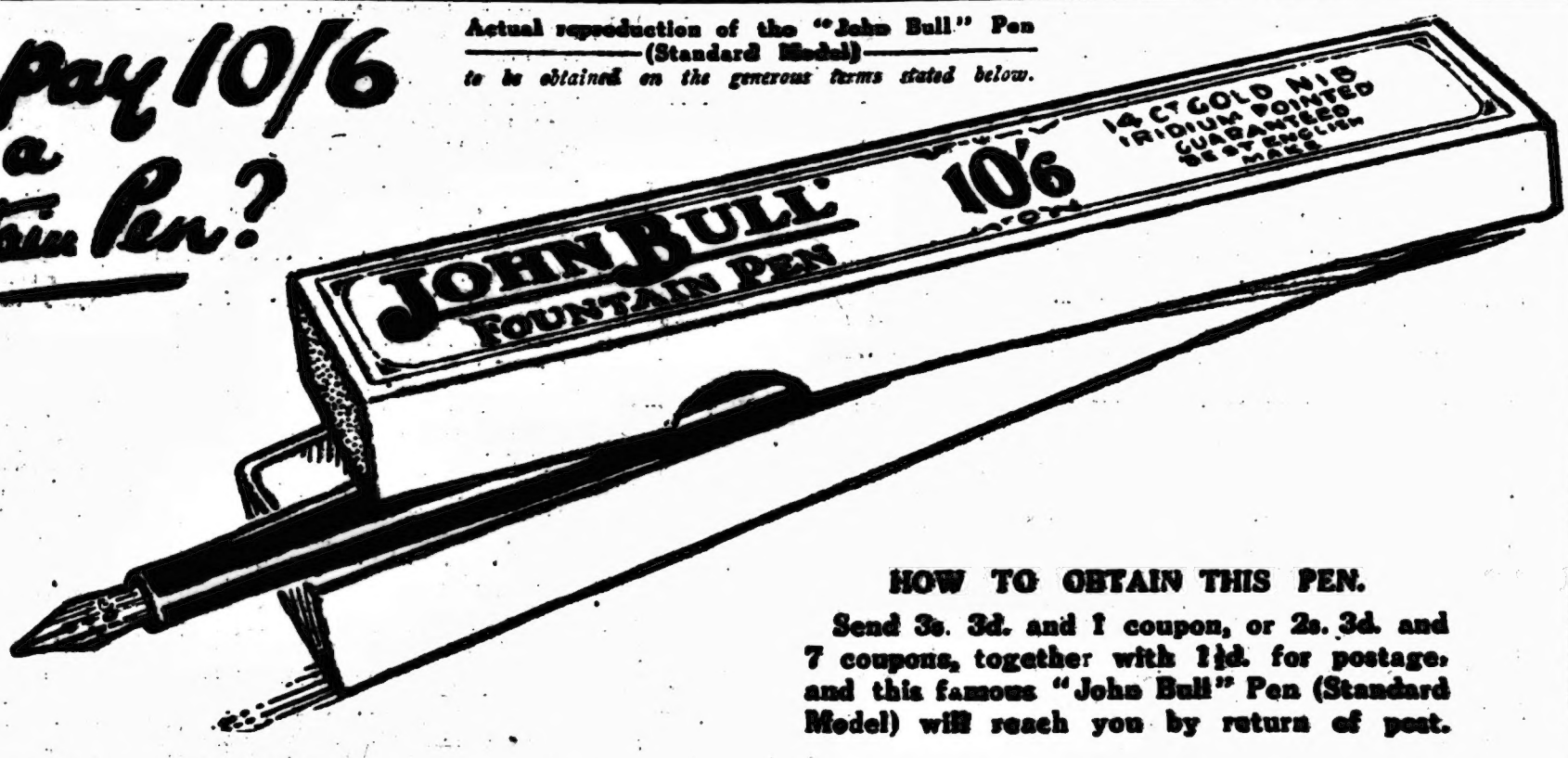

HOW TO OBTAIN THIS PEN.

Send 3s. 3d. and 1 coupon, or 2s. 3d. and 7 coupons, together with 1½d. for postage, and this famous "John Bull" Pen (Standard Model) will reach you by return of post.

"JOHN BULL" PEN DEPT.,
87, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

For FREE Coupon see Page 16.

BUY DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURERS.

30/- PARCEL.

2 LARGE COTTON BLANKETS.
1 SUPPER CLOTH.
1 IRISH DAMASK TABLE CLOTH 57in. x 57in.
FREE - - 1 LARGE HAND TOWEL.

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2 LARGE COTTON BLANKETS.
1 LARGE QUILT.
1 SUPPER CLOTH.
1 IRISH DAMASK TABLE CLOTH 60in. x 60in.
FREE - - 2 WHITE HAND TOWELS.

70/- PARCEL.

PAIR LARGE SIZE GREY-TWILLED BOLTON SHEETS.
1 LARGE QUILT.
2 LARGE COTTON BLANKETS.
1 SUPPER CLOTH.
1 IRISH DAMASK TABLE CLOTH 57in. x 70in.
FREE - - - 2 LARGE HAND TOWELS.

If you desire a low class article at a low figure, DON'T write US.
If you desire the best, at a cheap price, we can supply you.
These Splendid Bargain Bales sent carriage paid to any address on receipt of cash (Foreign and Colonial Orders, 5/- extra).

Our only address is:—

THE WONDER COTTON MILL Co.,
BRIDGE END MILLS, PADIHAM, LANCS.

Nerves, Pain and Wasting.

Young Lady Who Suffered All Her Life Cured by Dr. Cassell's Tablets.

Miss Amy Geddes, 130, Sibley Grove, East Ham, London, E.6, says:—"I had St. Vitus Dance when only four, and from that time until I got Dr. Cassell's Tablets about four years ago I suffered continuously. I was tortured with nerves, and pains in my head that sometimes were agonising. I was always jumpy and nervous, couldn't play like other children, and I simply couldn't sleep. I didn't eat well either, and everybody believed I was doomed. I wasted away till I was almost a skeleton. Mother took me to doctors and hospital, but it was no use.

"I was nearly fifteen when I got Dr. Cassell's Tablets. With the second box I felt better, and in a year was a different girl altogether. Now at nineteen I am the healthiest of the family. I go to work every day and feel simply splendid."

Miss Amy Geddes.

Dr. Cassell's Tablets

HOME PRICES
1/3 & 3/-
(the 3/- size the more economical). Sold by Chemists in all parts of the world. Ask for Dr. Cassell's Tablets & refuse substitutes.

Dr. Cassell's Tablets are the safest and most effective Home Treatment for—

Nervous Breakdown
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Specially valuable for Nursing Mothers and during the Critical Periods of Life.

FREE INFORMATION
relative to the suitability of Dr. Cassell's Tablets in your case, sent on request.
DR. CASSELL'S CO., LTD., CHESTER RD., MANCHESTER, ENGLAND.

YOUR TROUBLE IS INDIGESTION IT'S NOT YOUR LIVER.

CICFA IS THE CURE.

On holidays, when you are travelling, visiting, or eating away from home, it is not the Liver—it is Bowel Indigestion which causes that troublesome CONSTIPATION. CICFA removes that trouble. READ THE REASON WHY.

You have a Liver. You think it is affected. The chances are 10 to 1 that your Liver itself is perfectly sound, but its action is being upset by frequently dosing it with purgatives, etc., and as a consequence your food is not digesting, but fermenting and creating gases.

As it is rolled down the Bowel the starchy part, like bread, potatoes, beans, etc., is formed into little hard dry masses or "Starch Balls," which block the passage, and you have constipation, also a defective Bile Circulation. Fermentation continues, and acids and impurities from the undigested food are absorbed through the wall of the Bowel into the blood and poured on into the Liver. Though your Liver may be quite healthy, it is soon overworked and giving you troublesome symptoms; therefore your symptoms are not due to an affected Liver but to those acids

and impurities which are formed by Indigestion in the Bowel and carried on to the Liver.

Your blood becomes impure and more acid, affecting your joints and deep muscles, causing Rheumatism, Lumbago, and Sciatica.

It is therefore useless to treat the Rheumatism, the Lumbago, the Sciatica, or the Liver. They are not at fault. The fault lies in the Bowel Indigestion. You must cure that Indigestion.

Probably you suffer also from Acid Dyspepsia.

Whether you have Acid Dyspepsia or some other form of Stomach Indigestion, it should receive immediate attention, because each stage of Digestion affects each succeeding stage, so that the upsetting of digestion in one portion of the tract quickly affects digestion in other portions. Ordinary indigestion remedies such as Pepsin, Bismuth, Soda, Rhubarb, etc., cannot therefore be expected to cure you, for at best they can only help in local spots, **while any remedy which can Cure must be able to correct the errors of Digestion wherever they are occurring throughout the whole alimentary tract.**

Cicfa is the only preparation which can do this, and Cicfa has this power because its discoverer succeeded in combining such Digestive Ferments as would ensure perfect digestion at every point along the whole alimentary tract.

Cicfa therefore cures because it ensures complete digestion of all the albuminous food in the Stomach and all the Starchy food in the Bowel, corrects the Bile Circulation, prevents fermentation and the formation of "Starch Balls," so that all the nourishment is absorbed into the blood, the refuse is normal, and there can be no Constipation. Cicfa, in fact, contains that perfect combination of Digestive Ferments which Nature requires to ensure this. That's why Cicfa cures.

Cicfa has been taken up by over 16,000 British doctors, many of whom have written us of the splendid results secured upon themselves and patients by Cicfa.

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READ IT.

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